# DAVID JAMES SUTTON

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## EDUCATION

**Columbia University** Master of Arts: Political Science

City University of New York - Brooklyn College Bachelor of Arts: Political Science Cum Laude

#### Defense Language Institute, Foreign Language Center

Diploma: Spanish Linguist, High Honors Certification: Arabic, Basic Course (360 hours)

#### Papers of Academic Interest

- No Reparations Without Representation May 2018
- NFL's National Anthem Protests November 2017
- Roberts Misses on Umpire Pitch May 2017
- Overview of the Congressional Debate on the Civil Rights Act of 1964 May 2017
- Appropriation or Misappropriation: A Cultural Criticism April 2017
- The Supreme Court of Israel: A Concise Overview May 2016

#### **Relevant Graduate Curricula**

Columbia University

"Drug-trafficking, Politics & Development in Latin America "Issues & Debates in American Politics I" "Law of the Political Process" *Columbia Law School* "M.A. Proseminar"

Brooklyn College "Ideological Origins & Development of the US Constitution"

#### **Relevant Undergraduate Curricula**

"Research Strategies in Public Policy" "The American Jury System" "Constitutional Interpretation" "US Constitutional History" "Constitutional Law" "Criminal Law & Procedure" "Microeconomics" "Analytical Geometry & Calculus I" "Business Law I" "Business Law II" "Alternative Dispute Resolution" "Racial & Ethnic Politics in the US"

September 2018 – May 2019 GPA: 3.69

January 2016 – June 2018 GPA: 3.78

January 2001 – March 2002 GPA: 3.9

# RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Barnard College

Teaching Assistant – Reforming American Elections

- Serve as primary point of contact for section of 30 undergraduate students.
- Hold office hours to assist students, especially with understanding concepts presented during lecture.
- Grade exams, quizzes, and papers.

### Freelance Political Writer

Citizen Truth

• Research and write articles about salient topics in American Politics for media company.

March 2017 – May 2017

October 2018 – Present

Pirate Ship India

• Researched, wrote and edited articles and scripts for web-based media company.

### United States Marine Corps

Spanish Language Program Manager

- Responsible for the training and testing of 50 Spanish-speaking Cryptologic Linguists to maintain acceptable standards as prescribed by the Command Language Program Manager.
- Completed evaluations of linguists using validated diagnostic exams.
- Provided individualized language instruction and training material for several skill sets, including listening, reading and speaking.
- Coordinated acquisition of training materials in primary target language for independent study.
- Scheduled and proctored video teleconferencing sessions.

## Team Leader: Mobile Electronic Warfare Support System (MEWSS)

- Responsible for the management, safety and well-being of a five-man, signals intelligence team in a combat environment.
- Ensured the effective operation and timely maintenance of \$2.5 million Mobile Electronic Warfare System Support-modified Light Armored Vehicle and other intercept equipment.
- Performed and disseminated analysis on intercepted communications of targets designated by American military forces, in preparation of and during combat operations.
- Directed signals intelligence missions by prioritizing and assigning targets to Cryptologic Linguists and Intercept Communications Operators in support of combat missions.
- Led intra-service signals intelligence teams of the United States Armed Forces, during combat operations, in support of adjacent American, British and Iraqi units.
- Made oral and written reports to Marine Expeditionary Unit Commanding Officer regarding intelligence gathered in field.
- Developed and maintained relationships with local Iraqis and leveraged those

August 2000 – August 2005

January 2019 – May 2019

relationships to collect raw intelligence.

• Ensured safe-keeping of Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmented Information.

## **SKILLS & INTERESTS**

Proficient in Microsoft Office, SPSS, Stata; American Politics, Constitutional History and Interpretation, Judicial Politics; Played Semi-Professional Football (2014-2016).

# **HONORS & AWARDS**

Dean's List – Brooklyn College	2017 & 2018
Certificate of Appreciation - Disabled American Veterans	2016
Sullivan County Community College – President's List	2005 & 2006
Navy Unit Commendation	2005
Iraq Campaign Medal	2004 & 2005
Combat Action Ribbon	2004 & 2005
Global War on Terrorism Medal	2004
Sea Service Deployment Ribbon	2004
Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal	2003
National Defense Service Medal	2001

## LANGUAGES

Spanish (advanced), Arabic (intermediate), Albanian (basic)