

# Amy Read

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## Summary

Undergraduate student and aspiring sociologist, seeking research positions in policy evaluation and the social sciences as preparation for doctoral work.

## Education

### **BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY | AUG 2018**

- Majors: Biology and French Studies
- 3.91 GPA
- National Merit Scholar
- Dean's List Winter 2016
- Member, Phi Kappa Phi and Pi Delta Phi

## Research Projects

### **POLYGAMY AND CHILD FOSTERING IN SENEGAL | APR 2017 - PRESENT**

- Designed an independent, self-directed original research project
- Using STATA, analyzed data sets and census records for trends and significant correlations
- Recorded interviews, observed schools and village life, and qualitatively analyzed the findings

### **SOCIAL DYNAMICS OF ISLAM IN SECULAR FRANCE | SEP 2016 - FEB 2017**

- Independently conducted a qualitative research project in Paris, France
- Arranged and attended interviews, lectures, and roundtables with local leaders, activists, and experts

### **19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY FRENCH PERCEPTIONS OF MORMONISM | JUN 2016 - MAR 2017**

- Critically read and analyzed primary sources and original historical documents
- Designed and installed a public exhibit for the Harold B. Lee Library Special Collections

## Skills & Abilities

### **COMPUTER/SOFTWARE**

- Highly skilled in Adobe Creative Cloud programs (InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere Pro)
- Highly skilled in Microsoft Office Suite programs (Excel, Word, Outlook, PowerPoint, EndNote)
- Proficient in WordPress web design
- Familiar with STATA

### **LANGUAGE**

- Full professional proficiency in Spanish
- Full professional proficiency in French

## Work Experience

### **RESEARCH ASSISTANT** | UNIVERSITÉ PARIS DESCARTES | OCT 2016 - NOV 2016

- Coordinated cell cultures in sterile conditions as part of a larger project on muscle hypertrophy
- Analyzed proteins using the Western blot technique
- Translated research materials and correspondence from French to English and vice versa

### **SOFTWARE TRAINING INSTRUCTOR** | BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY | APR 2016 - PRESENT

- Designed a course for the Marriott School of Business to teach effective data visualization (link to interactive presentation on personal website)
- Solved increasingly complex problems for students and faculty using Adobe and Microsoft software
- Taught weekly classes on Adobe and Microsoft programs
- Developed lesson plans, visual aids and instructional videos for use by future Software Trainers
- Maintained and updated content on the Software Training website ([train.byu.edu/wiki](http://train.byu.edu/wiki))

### **LAB INSTRUCTOR/TEACHING ASSISTANT** | BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY | AUG 2015 - APR 2017

- Conducted exploratory lab experiences to familiarize biology majors with experimental procedures and analytical thought processes
- Explained concepts of biology and genetics to university students to allow them to make connections to current research questions
- Achieved high student ratings based on a consistently friendly, helpful and respectful attitude
- Completed 90% of grading, 30% of instruction for the course

## Volunteer Experience

### **REPRESENTATIVE** | CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS | JAN 2014 - JUL 2015

- Served in leadership positions of increased scope and responsibility
- Organized and taught seminars on effective work and teaching for over 50 other volunteers, to improve overall work efficiency as an organization
- Averaged 70+ hours of work per week focused on community service
- Became fluent in Spanish after just 5 months of work in Spain

### **INTERN** | LES PETITS FRÈRES DES PAUVRES | JUN 2013 - SEP 2013

- Oversaw daily care of 10 elderly persons, both individually and with a partner
- Organized 8 successful special events and 20 company dinners, in Paris, France
- Lived and worked independently in a foreign country at 18 years old