

Olivia Corley

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Dynamic and results-driven policy analyst with a strong foundation in public policy, research design, and quantitative and qualitative data analysis. Skilled in synthesizing complex information, conducting rigorous evaluation, and generating actionable insights to inform decision-making across sectors including social equity, workforce development, and public policy. Adept at engaging stakeholders, using advanced research tools, and developing compelling data visualizations to support evidence-based recommendations and equitable outcomes.

Key Highlights

- Proven success in research, data reporting, and stakeholder collaboration to inform public policy initiatives and social programs.
- Skilled in survey design, data cleaning, and statistical software (R, SQL) to produce accurate and actionable insights.
- Adept at translating complex data into compelling visualizations and strategic presentations for diverse audiences.
- Strong background aligning research with policy goals to support public programs and promote equitable outcomes.

Core Competencies

Quantitative Data Analysis | Qualitative Research Methods | Criminology Research | Data Visualization | Public Policy Evaluation | Evidence-Based Decision-Making | Survey Design | Stakeholder Engagement | Research Synthesis

Education

Master of Science in Criminology | University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, May 2024

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with minor in Criminology | University of Kentucky, College of Arts & Sciences, Lexington, KY, May 2023 (magna cum laude)

Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy | University of Kentucky, Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, Lexington, KY, May 2023 (Departmental Honors)

Professional Experience

National Journal, Washington DC

Senior Policy and Data Visualization Associate

2024 – 2026

Policy Research Intern

2021

Synthesize and analyze diverse data sources, including quantitative, qualitative, and secondary research, to deliver impactful insights through high-quality presentations, distilling complex information into actionable solutions and fostering collaboration to meet client needs.

- Transitioned from an internship role into a senior full-time position by demonstrating expertise in synthesizing and analyzing diverse data sources to deliver actionable insights and impactful public policy solutions.
- Simplified complex public policy issues for audiences, specializing in specific areas, such as infrastructure, trade, health care, or federal budget, while overseeing and planning content production in these domains.
- Produced publication-ready content, including slides and decks, newsletters, and web content, transforming technical public policy messages into creative and practical deliverables.

Criminology Department, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
Research Assistant

2023 – 2024

Designed and conducted detailed surveys to collect feedback from over 200 inmates at SCI Chester prison, focusing on diverse aspects of prison conditions. Oversaw and streamlined data entry process for accurate and efficient recording of survey responses for comprehensive quantitative and qualitative analysis.

- Achieved 53% response rate by executing a targeted and methodical survey collection strategy within correctional facilities.
- Maintained data accuracy and integrity by enabling thorough and reliable analysis of inmate feedback to inform actionable insights.

The Council of State Governments, Lexington, KY
O'Connor Scholar & Policy Research Intern

2021 – 2022

Conducted comprehensive analysis of workforce development and apprenticeship programs across all 50 states, synthesizing data from state labor departments to inform policy decisions. Executed in-depth research to support the Apprenticeship Data Alignment and Performance Technical Assistance Center, enhancing alignment between state and national apprenticeship databases.

- Led initiatives to develop workforce programs for incarcerated populations, driving research that resulted in increased publication output and expanded program visibility.
- Facilitated progression of key policy initiatives, transferring actionable insights to state policy leaders to promote broader adoption.

Additional Experience

Teaching Assistant, Criminology Department, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Research Assistant, University of Kentucky – Writing Rhetoric & Digital Studies, Lexington, KY

Senior Capstone, University of Kentucky – Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, Lexington, KY

Graduate Researcher, Master's Thesis, Criminology Department, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
Research Assistant, UConn, IMRP (Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy), Hartford, CT

Community Involvement

Vice President, Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society, Lexington, KY, 2022 – 2023

- Enhanced member involvement via robust schedule of monthly meetings and bimonthly events.

President, Student Policy Administration, Lexington, KY, 2020 – 2022

- Spearheaded monthly gatherings to encourage open communication among members, concurrently orchestrating multiple policy forums featuring leaders from institutions across the country.

Community Service Chairwoman, Black is Gold UKY, Lexington, KY, 2020 – 2021

- Developed and executed a monthly schedule of volunteer events in collaboration with local nonprofits by cultivating active participation and civic involvement among students.

Professional Development

Guest Speaker, Criminology Day Alumni Panel – University of Pennsylvania

Technical Proficiencies

R, RStudio, Microsoft Office, SQL