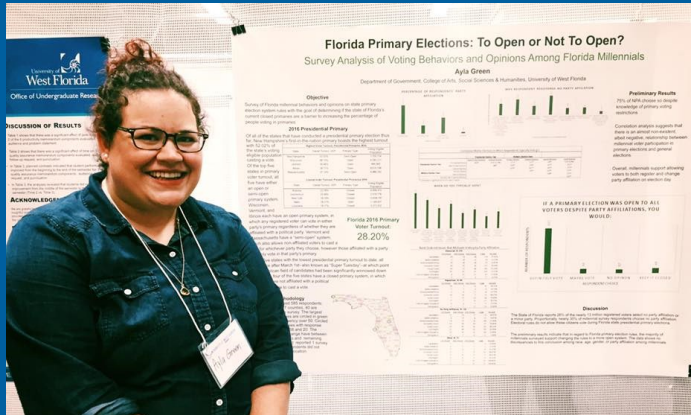


# Alumni Spotlight

## Ayla Green:



Ayla Green graduated with her undergraduate B.A. degree in History in 2015 and her M.A. in Political Science 2017. Currently Ayla is working as an intern at the Costal Alabama Business Chamber. Researching numbers and statistics and figuring out ways to help people using those figures has always been an interest and a

strong suit for her and the role in this internship allows her to do just that. Although Ayla enjoys her role within the Business Chamber she also teaches an American Government class at PSC. “It’s really fulfilling to have the opportunity to teach at PSC because that is where I started.” Ayla expressed that she was surprised to get the job at PSC after only graduating this past Spring but is ready for the opportunity.

I questioned whether teaching and working for an NGO was all a part of her plan as a student before her graduation, as it turns out not at all. Law school was the goal after her undergrad but while Ayla was studying abroad the program she wanted to get into was dissolved, it was at that point in time she was approached with the opportunity to go through the Political Science Graduate Program and with her interest in civil rights she said the program sparked her interest and she took a leap from her original plan and climbed upon the surfboard and rode the wave that is life.

I then asked Ayla if she could give some advice to younger students in the program and here is what she had to say. “Graduate School is very difficult, but I think once you finish you will have such a sense of accomplishment and be thankful to yourself that you worked towards something that truly benefits you in countless ways it won’t matter how hard it was. Learn to trust your work and keep an open dialogue with your professors because they are your champions and only wish to see you succeed. Keep an open mind because you never know what opportunities will cross your path and those may lead you down roads that you never thought were possible.” We are honored to make Ayla Green our Alumni spotlight this month!

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