

James Ede

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Highlights of Qualifications

- Excellent communication skills, both verbally and written
- Experience as a federal NDP candidate and Riding Association activist
- Extensive knowledge of Canadian politics

Relevant Skill, Experience, and Knowledge

- Strong computer skills, including MS Office and Adobe Creative Suite
- Experience in using social media for communications and outreach purposes
- Highly organized and able to work in high-pressure environments
- Experience in both external and internal communications, including media relations
- Strong sense of political strategy and tact

Education

Graduate Certificate – Corporate Communications and Public Relations Sept. 2011 – Present
Fanshawe College, London

Courses Included: Adobe InDesign Web Design
Writing for Public Relations Social Media for Communications

Doctorate of Philosophy – Political Science Sept. 2004 – Present (ABD)
York University, Toronto

Thesis Title: Ontario Farm Politics in an Era of Neoliberal Globalization

Courses Included: Canadian Politics (Major) Comparative Politics (Minor)
French Language Political Theory

Master of Arts – Political Science Sept. 2003 – August 2004
York University, Toronto

Thesis Title: The Role of Force in Gramscian Theory: An Analysis of the Zimbabwe Crisis

Courses Included: Globalization Civil society and Democracy
Political Economy Third World Politics

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) – Political Science and Sociology Sept. 1998 – April 2002

Courses Included: Canadian Politics Politics and the Media
Economics Statistical Analysis
Social Research Methodology Japanese Language

Work Experience

Teaching Assistant

Sept. 2004 – May 2010; Contract

York University, Toronto

- Taught first and second-year undergraduate courses in Political Science for six years, with a specialization in Canadian Politics
- Led tutorial discussions, graded papers, and met with students to discuss their work
- Communications with faculty and students

Coordinator

Aug. 2002 – Jan. 2003; Part-time

Unity Project Homeless Shelter, London ON

- Supervised residents, resolved conflicts, and gave advice and support
- Wrote up intake, outtake, and incident reports
- Performed general maintenance duties

Research Assistant

May 2000 – Aug. 2002; Contract

Huron University College, UWO

- Performed internet, library, microfiche and database research for professors in Political Science and Global Studies departments
- Wrote up summaries of research
- Contributed to the publication of scholarly articles and books

Volunteer Experience

Federal Candidate

Mar. 2010 – May 2011

New Democratic Party of Canada, Oakville Riding

- Ran as a candidate in 2011 Federal election, performing duties such as speaking in public debates, canvassing, attending public events and preparing written statements
- Responsible for strategic planning of election campaign, including budgeting, filing expenses, messaging and ordering materials
- Planned and executed a public outreach campaign prior to election
- Coordinated team of volunteers
- Achieved highest result for NDP in Oakville in 27 years

Membership Secretary / Vice President / President

May 2009 – August 2011

Oakville NDP Riding Association, Oakville

- Oversaw event planning and logistics to raise profile of NDP in Oakville
- Organized meetings, set agenda and took minutes
- Maintained records and files, including paperwork for Elections Canada and Elections Ontario
- Responsible for 2011 Provincial election candidate recruitment and election planning
- Responsible for Media relations, including press releases and interviews

Organizer / Communications

Jan. 2010 – March 2011

Canadians Advocating Political Participation, Oakville

- Event planning for public forums related to Canadian democracy, including booking rooms, securing speakers, and organizing logistics
- Responsible for Media relations, including press releases and interviews
- Handled both internal and external communications