

Jonathan David Monsma

Economic Research & Development Specialist



EDUCATION

2016 - 2018
Normal, IL
M.S. in Applied Economics;
Community and Economic Development
Illinois State University

2008 - 2011
East Lansing, MI
B.A. in International Studies;
Cognate in Economics; French Minor
Michigan State University

2006 - 2008
Grand Rapids, MI
A.A. in Pre-Law
Grand Rapids Community College

WORK EXPERIENCE

July 2018 - Present
Aurora, IL
Economic Development Specialist
Invest Aurora

- Collaborate with the City of Aurora and the Mayor's Office of Economic Development to promote business attraction, retention, and expansion in the city of Aurora
- Analyze and create reports on economic conditions and real estate information in Aurora to respond to requests for information and requests for proposals
- Meet with entrepreneurs and business startups to offer information and support for their business

July 2017 - July 2018
Aurora, IL
Economic Development Associate
Invest Aurora

- Completed an AmeriCorps year of service during a graduate fellowship placement at Invest Aurora through ISU
- Assisted the Economic Development Specialists with research and events
- Learned the operations and responsibilities of an Economic Development Organization

August 2016 - July 2017
Normal, IL
Assistant Data Analyst
The Stevenson Center at ISU

- Analyzed data about the McLean County detention centers to complete an AmeriCorps year of service in community development
- Used SPSS & Excel to capture relevant statistics about the jail population and presented findings to the McLean County Criminal Justice Coordinated Council so that they could create informed policy decisions

May 2011 - August 2016
Ada, MI
Property Management Foreman
Monsma Landscape & Maintenance

- Learned many of the aspects of running a small, family-owned business with about 10 employees
- Provided landscaping services to clients and supervised employees to ensure that properties were maintained according to contracted specifications in a timely manner



SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Recently completed a M.S. in Applied Economics
- Completed research and data analysis projects for McLean County, IL
- Proficient in computers with skills in many software programs and always excited to learn new programs, commands, and code
- Experience in the field of Economic Development



SOFTWARE SKILLS

SPSS, Microsoft Suite, Google Suite **ADVANCED**

Stata, Adobe Creative Suite, WordPress **INTERMEDIATE**

SAS, ArcGIS, CSS **NOVICE**



INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Studied abroad two times in France
 - L'Institut D'Études Politiques de Lille (2009)
 - L'Institut de Touraine (2010)
- Member of L'Alliance Francaise



VIEW MY RECENT WORK

"Pretrial Release and Failure-To-Appear in McLean County, IL" (2018). Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development—Student Research. 33. <https://ir.library.illinoisstate.edu/sccd/33>



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