



## Patrick Christmas

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Patrick taught biology and forensic science at Fels High School in Northeast Philadelphia after graduating from Swarthmore College in 2008. After five years in the classroom and having begun studies at the Fels Institute of Government, he joined the Committee of Seventy in August 2013 – in part, because he believes in Seventy's nonpartisan mission to advance better government, but also because he was seeking the "Fels Trifecta." (Samuel S. Fels was on Seventy's original 1904 Executive Board.)

Patrick is responsible for managing Seventy's policy projects and advocacy campaigns, in addition to supporting its civic programming, communications, and social media. From 2014 to 2017, he oversaw the evolution of Seventy's signature Election Day field operation to a broader set of civic initiatives, including an Election Ambassador Corps for high school students, voter experience survey, and comprehensive online voter guide and toolkit. His current duties focus on advancing reforms at the city and state level, which involves staffing the [Better Philadelphia Elections](#) and [Open Primaries PA](#) coalitions as well as Seventy's [Philadelphia Resolution 1](#) initiative.

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