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EDUCATION, HONORS, AWARDS

UC San Francisco – UC Berkeley Joint PhD Program in Medical Anthropology

PhD Student

San Francisco, California

August 2020 – Present

Yale University

New Haven, Connecticut

August 2015 – May 2019

B.S. Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Certificate in Global Health

- *Anthony M. Schulte Prize*, Pierson College (for commitment to community service in New Haven)
- *Solomon Research Fellowships in LGBT Studies Recipient*, Yale University (for research in LGBT+ studies)

Santa Monica High School

Santa Monica, California

Student Body President

August 2011 – May 2015

- *Milken Scholarship Recipient*, Milken Institute (for academic achievement, community service, leadership)
- *QuestBridge College Match Finalist*, QuestBridge (for high-achieving first-generation college students)

RESEARCH

Cogstate

New Haven, Connecticut

Clinical Research Coordinator: Rater Training and Site Services

July 2019 – Feb 2020

- Trained health practitioners in validated scales for measuring changes in cognition for Alzheimer's research
- Worked on multiple teams to monitor adherence to multiple study protocols across hundreds of clinical sites
- Memorized and followed complex study protocols to handle sensitive data and protected health information
- Built, maintained, and manipulated large databases of health-related study outcomes

Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, Lab of Dr. Blaire Steven

New Haven, Connecticut

Research Assistant

October 2016 – May 2019

- Collaborated on a research project in which mosquito eggs were rendered axenic (bacteria-free) and then exposed to exogenous microbiomes so as to better understand the host-microbiome-phenotype relationship
- Co-authored a paper: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-018-07014-2/>
- Executed senior thesis experiments on relationship between host microbiota and mosquito pesticide resistance

The Romanian Anti-AIDS Association (ARAS) and MozaiQ

Bucharest, Romania

Visiting Researcher

May 2018 – May 2019

- Conducted an independent qualitative research study by gathering focus group and interview data on experiences of resilience among LGBT+ women and transgender individuals living in a highly stigmatized context
- Reviewed literature, submitted proposals, and won over \$16,000 in grants to collect qualitative data in Romania in Summer 2018; conducted focus groups with over 50 individuals and additional interviews with 18 activists
- Used grounded theory method to analyze transcripts and to draw conclusions regarding spaces of resilience-building, and the obstacles inherent in those spaces

Saint Kitts Biomedical Research Facility

Saint Kitts and Nevis, W.I.

Summer Intern

June 2017 – August 2017

- Worked as an assistant MRI technician for the only MRI facility on the island and 14 surrounding countries
- Handled Vervet monkeys housed on-site; assisted in clinical animal model research, utilizing stem cells to try to treat a variety of ailments including Alzheimer's disease
- Reported and successfully ended a cycle of sexual misconduct that had lasted for over twenty years at this facility: <https://yaledailynews.com/blog/2019/08/28/matusovsky-twenty-years-too-long/>

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYMENT

Yale College Deans' Office for First-Year Affairs

New Haven, Connecticut

Program Coordinator: First Year Counselor Orientation

May 2019 – July 2019

- Planned a week-long orientation for first-year counselors, including coordinating Yale faculty and administrations to organize speakers and trainings, and rewriting an updated handbook on first-year affairs

Yale Office of LGBTQ+ Resources, Yale Wellness

New Haven, Connecticut

Peer Wellness Champion

May 2017 – May 2019

- Facilitated events such as colloquiums and workshops to encourage mindful habits among the Yale student body with an emphasis on students facing additional stress due to underrepresented identities and experiences

Yale College Dean's Office, Pierson College

New Haven, Connecticut

First Year Counselor

August 2018 – May 2019

- Lived in first-year-student with a team of eight counselors, working together to provide guidance to first year students at Yale, providing them with academic, personal, and emotional support in their transition to College

Pierson College Office

New Haven, Connecticut

Pierson College Office and Events Aide

March 2016 – May 2019

- Coordinated and staffed various events including invited speaker events, alumni reunions, and fellows' dinners
- Fulfilled administrative and office needs such as staffing the front desk of the residential college office

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVISM

New Haven Rising, Students Unite Now

Coordinator, Organizer

New Haven, Connecticut
August 2016 – August 2020

- Collaborated with a coalition of activists in the New Haven Rising movement to mobilize Yale students to have a stake in their community, supporting and leading over 200 students engaging in activism
- Planned events such as teach-ins, rallies, and escalations to change an inequitable financial policy that posed undue burden on students from low-income backgrounds

Voke LGBTQ+ Spoken Word Group

Founder, Co-Director, Writer, Poet, Spoken Word Artist, Drag Queen

New Haven, Connecticut
September 2016 – May 2019

- Founded the first and only open membership Spoken Word group at Yale, an LGBTQ+ safe space

Project LETS (Let's Eliminate The Stigma)

Founder of Yale Chapter, Co-President

New Haven, Connecticut
August 2017 – May 2018

- Organized community events for students with lived experiences of mental illness or neurodivergence
- Established a Peer-Mental-Health-Advocate model of social support among Yale undergraduates
- Participated as a member of Yale Student Advisory Committee to Yale Mental Health & Counseling

H.A.P.P.Y. (Hypertension Awareness and Prevention Program at Yale)

Director of Service, Volunteer

New Haven, Connecticut
January 2016 – May 2019

- Coordinated volunteering shifts for 40+ student volunteers per semester to provide free risk-education and referrals to members of the New Haven community

Yale Hunger and Homelessness Action Project

Book Exchange Director and Head of Recruitment, Volunteer

New Haven, Connecticut
September 2015 – May 2018

- Served as the leader of a group of 20 people who collected and organized used textbooks from students
- Facilitated the sale of these books back to students at cheap prices, donating all proceeds, over \$3000 every semester, to New Haven homeless shelters

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Bulldog Tutors

Tutor

New Haven, Connecticut
February 2020 – August 2020

- Taught in-person and virtual material to individual students and small classes, working primarily with students in residency at the Turnbridge Young Adult and Teen Rehab center.

Yale Young Global Scholars (YYGS)

Instructor, Residential Advisor

New Haven, Connecticut
May 2019 – June 2019

- Attained 65 hours of teaching experience with high school students attending the YYGS Summer 2019 session in Applied Science and Engineering.
- Planned curriculums and taught four courses: "Cyborgs: Between Disability and Enhancement," "The Biology of Poop Transplants: Bacteria and Microbiomes," "The Physiology of Lungs and Smoke: Cigarettes, Vapes, and Marijuana," and "The Sixth Sense, and more: Sensory Systems".

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

- Fluent in Russian and English, Intermediate in French
- Proficient in qualitative data analysis using softwares NVivo and Dedoose
- Excellent knowledge of Microsoft Office and Excel, able to maintain and manipulate large data-sets
- Proficient in querying databases, statistical analysis, and SPSS software