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Profile

I am interested in exploring what occurs when race, immigration, urban decline, and the environment collide—when people, toxins, and policies merge to form bodily and social narratives. My current research proposals include the question of subsistence fishing and membership in Flint, Michigan; Washington, DC; Central Texas; and the Bay Area.

Education

University of California, San Francisco, CA - MD, expected 2026 (in progress)

University of California, Berkeley, CA - PhD, expected 2024 (in progress)

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA - BA in Government (*cum laude*), 2014

Advisors: Justin Gest, PhD and Andrea Tivig, PhD

Research Interests

Blackness, race, indigeneity, documentation, membership, belonging, immigration, toxic exposure, water, citizenship, borders, structural violence, bodily affect, environment, post-industrial worldings, the social meaning(s) of policies, and divergence of local practice from federal policies

Public Policy

US Department of Homeland Security

Office of the Executive Secretary, Immediate Office of the Secretary

Briefing Book Coordinator; Washington, DC — 2015-2017

Analysis and preparation of sensitive briefing material for the Secretary and Deputy Secretary

US Department of Homeland Security

Office of the Executive Secretary, Immediate Office of the Secretary

Writer-Editor; Washington, DC — 2014-2015

Analysis and preparation of congressional and public interest correspondence

Massachusetts State Senate

Intern; Boston, MA — 2012

Presentation of Northeast fisheries disaster declaration findings to Senate Minority Leader and support staff

Conference Presentations

American Ethnological Society (AES) Annual Conference; Austin, TX - 2020

Paper accepted for panel presentation, "Socialities of subsistence: Fishing for food along the Anacostia."

UCSF Interpersonal Violence Prevention Conference

Collective Resistance: Honoring Community Power and Resistance

UCSF School of Medicine; San Francisco, CA — 2018

Presentation on student activism

Teaching

Graduate Student Instructor; Berkeley, CA - 2020

Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management

University of California, Berkeley

Course: Health, Medicine, Society and Environment (ESPM 162A)

Service

Clínica Martín-Baró

San Francisco State University and UCSF School of Medicine Collaboration;
San Francisco, CA — 2017-Present

Medical School Coordinator/Volunteer, Student-directed, free primary care services and community outreach in the Mission District, Mentorship of undergraduate students, Coronavirus pandemic relief work

Do No Harm Coalition, UCSF; San Francisco, CA — 2017-Present

Community Advocate, Collaboration of interdisciplinary healthcare trainees and practitioners, Community Organizing, Community-based research on toxic exposures

White Coats 4 Black Lives (WC4BL), UCSF; San Francisco, CA – 2017-Present

Student-directed advocacy regarding the health and well-being of black and brown persons

Washington English Center; Washington, DC — 2015-2017

English and computer literacy instructor

Beacon Hospice; Boston, MA — 2012-2014

Hospice patient companion

Casa Marianella; Austin, TX — 2013

Weekly volunteer at shelter for asylum seekers, refugees

Harvard Square Homeless Shelter; Cambridge, MA — 2010-2011

Weekly volunteer

Selected Publications

Aboii, Sheyda. 2016. "Undocumented Immigrants and the Inclusive Health Policies of Sanctuary Cities." *Harvard Public Health Review, Special Volume (9) on Refugee Health*. Available at: <http://harvardpublichealthreview.org/>

Aboii, Sheyda. 2012. "Exploring the Gap Between Water Supply and Energy Development." *StateImpact Texas*. Available at: <https://stateimpact.npr.org/texas>

Aboii, Sheyda. 2012. "Why Groundwater Is Running Out in the Panhandle." *StateImpact Texas*. Available at: <https://stateimpact.npr.org/texas>

Aboii, Sheyda and Terrence Henry. 2012. "Why Earthquakes Are Shaking North Texas: Scientists Investigate Links to Disposal Wells." *StateImpact Texas*. Available at: <https://stateimpact.npr.org/texas>

Buchele, Mose and Sheyda Aboii. 2012. "What Texas Can Do About Oil and Gas-Related Earthquakes." *StateImpact Texas*. Available at: <https://stateimpact.npr.org/texas>

Funding and Academic Honors

American Ethnological Society (AES) Small Grants Competition - Spring 2020
Competitive grant of \$2,500 supporting ethnographic and documentary research

Peer Nomination

Chancellor Awards for Diversity, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Award
UCSF School of Medicine; San Francisco, CA — 2018
In recognition of contributions to campus-wide diversity initiatives

Eric Firth Prize

Harvard University; Cambridge, MA — 2014
Best essay on democracy and ethics

Sally and Cresap Moore Prize

Harvard University; Cambridge, MA — 2014
Successful interdisciplinary study

Center for American Political Studies Grant

Harvard University; Cambridge, MA — 2013
Competitive grant of \$1,000

Lester Kissel Grant in Practical Ethics

Harvard University; Cambridge, MA — 2013
Competitive grant of \$1,500

Fellowships, Assistantships, and Internships

Research Assistant

Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management

University of California, Berkeley — 2021

Written contributions in support of a pending publication exploring medical education and trainee experiences

Research Assistant

Schar School of Policy and Government

George Mason University; Fairfax, VA — 2017

Written contributions to Gest, Justin. 2018. *The White Working Class: What Everyone Needs to Know®*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press

Research Assistant

Departments of Government and Sociology

Harvard University; Cambridge, MA — 2013-2014

Written contributions to Gest, Justin. 2016. *The New Minority: White Working Class Politics in an Age of Immigration and Inequality*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press

Fellow

Harvard University

Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics; Cambridge, MA — 2013-2014

Interdisciplinary workshop and lecture series on applied ethics

Intern

Harvard Law School

Islamic Finance Project; Cambridge, MA — 2012-2013

Development of Islamic Finance Project Databank

Intern

Harvard University

David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies; Lima, Peru — 2011

Aprendo Contigo program at *La Clinica San Juan de Dios*—pediatric orthopedics

Intern

François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights

Harvard University; Cambridge, MA — 2011

Research Program on Children and Global Adversity, child soldiers in Sierra Leone project

Intern

M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

Center for Research on Minority Health; Houston, TX — 2010

Ancillary research testing effects of a high fiber/low fat diet on oxidative stress biomarkers in *A Nu Life Study* plasma samples