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SUMMARY

Sociology Ph.D. candidate with training in advanced statistical and demographic techniques; expertise in criminal justice policy analysis; and experience working with law enforcement, communicating research to diverse audiences, and successfully obtaining external funding.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Sociology** Jun 2018 (expected)
University of Wisconsin-Madison – Madison, WI
- Dissertation: “Blurring the Thin Blue Line: The Rise of the Military Model in American Policing”
 - Preliminary Exams: Crime, Deviance, and Social Control (with Distinction); Demography and Ecology
 - M.S., Sociology (Dec 2014)
- M.P.A., International Development** Jun 2012
Princeton University – Princeton, NJ
- B.A., Sociology (High Honors) and French (Pi Delta Phi)** May 2008
Wesleyan University – Middletown, CT

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Project Assistant, Center for Demography and Ecology** 2013 – Present
University of Wisconsin-Madison – Madison, WI
- Collaborate with faculty at all stages of the research process: assist in project formulation; clean, code, and merge data; carry out statistical analyses in Stata; conduct literature reviews, and draft manuscripts.
- Graduate Intern, Center on Immigration and Justice** 2012
Vera Institute of Justice – New York, NY
- Researched and wrote literature reviews of “promising practices” for legal service providers representing unaccompanied immigrant children and immigrant clients with criminal histories.
- Communications Intern** 2011
UN Women, West Africa Regional Office (WARO) – Dakar, Senegal
- Provided copy-editing assistance; developed strategic partnerships with local media and advocacy organizations; and created and managed bilingual (English-French) blog, WARO’s first online presence.
- Research Assistant, Department of Research and Evaluations** 2008 – 2010
Breaking Ground (formerly Common Ground) – New York, NY
- Tracked performance evaluation metrics for twelve supportive housing programs in SPSS; conducted analyses for data requests, and surveyed service recipients to assess post-program housing stability.

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Minority Recruitment and Retention Committee, Department of Sociology 2017 – Present
- Program Evaluation Consultant, City of Madison Police Department 2016

AWARDS

- Dissertation Grant, Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy 2016
- Policy Communication Training Fellowship, Population Reference Bureau 2016