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EDUCATION

Stanford University

Ph.D., Sociology (expected in 2023)
J.D., Stanford Law School (expected in 2023)

Cornell University

B.S., Industrial and Labor Relations (2016)
Minor in Law and Society

School for International Training (SIT)

International Honors Program (Jan-May 2015)
Studied comparative human rights in U.S.A., Nepal, Jordan and Chile

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2020 **Summer Collaborative Research Fellowship**
Awarded by Stanford Impact Labs
- \$7,000 fellowship to research social problems with the Stanford Computational Policy Lab
- 2020 **Social X-Change Startup Funding Grant**
Awarded by Stanford Impact Labs
- \$500,000 grant to research team for project titled “Designing and Evaluating Reinforcement Learning Algorithms to Reduce Pretrial Incarceration” (with Sharad Goel (PI), Guillaume Basse, Emma Brunksill, Alex Choclas-Wood, Joe Nudell, and Sabina Tompkins)
- 2020 **IRiSS Research Data Grant**
Awarded by Stanford Institute for Research in the Social Science (IRiSS)
- \$1,500 stipend to support the cost of research data for project titled “Can Protests Influence Punishments in Criminal Court?: A Case Study of the 2018 Turner-Persky Protests”
- 2018 & 2019 **Student Projects for Intellectual Community Enhancement Grant**
Awarded by the Vice Provost for Graduate Education at Stanford
- \$5,000 grant to provide education services for incarcerated people via the program I co-lead: Stanford Prison Education Project

- 2018 **Graduate Public Service Fellowship**
Awarded by the Haas Center for Public Service at Stanford
- \$3,000 award and guidance for community-based research projects
- 2017 **Stanford Graduate Fellowship**
Awarded by the Vice Provost for Graduate Education at Stanford
- Twelve-quarter fellowship providing tuition and living stipend
- 2014 **Meinig Family Cornell National Scholarship**
Awarded by the Cornell Commitment Program at Cornell
- Leadership recognition and scholarship awarded to 2% of students

EMPLOYMENT AND INTERNSHIPS

- July 2018-present **Professor David Pedulla, Stanford, CA**
Research Assistant
- Assist in the development and execution of an employer audit study.
- June 2019-Aug 2019 **Nashville Defenders, Nashville, TN**
Summer Clerk
- Drafted motions for indigent client cases and submitted them to court.
 - Assisted with client intake interviews.
- March 25-29, 2019 **Orleans Public Defenders, New Orleans, LA**
Spring Break Clerk
- Conducted legal research, visited clients in jail, and shadowed attorneys.
- July 2016-July 2017 **Brooklyn Defender Services, Brooklyn, NY**
Investigator
- Interviewed over two hundred complaining witnesses.
 - Recovered video surveillance from local businesses and residences.
 - Worked with attorneys to develop theories of defense for clients.
- June-July 2015 **Brooklyn Defender Services, Brooklyn, NY**
Investigator Intern
- Spoke with witnesses, clients, and clients' families.
 - Recovered video surveillance from local businesses and residences.
 - Shadowed attorneys at arraignments and at client lineups.

VOLUNTEER TEACHING

- March 2018-present **Stanford Prison Education Project**, San Bruno & Redwood City, CA
Lead Teacher since September 2018
- Lead 2-3 teams of 4-8 graduate students each to execute weekly, semester-long, interdisciplinary seminar courses in local jails.
 - Train teachers, coordinate with jail administration, organize class schedule, teach the introductory class, and provide ongoing support for all students and teachers.
- Jan 2018-present **Stanford Prisoner Advocacy and Resources Coalition**, CA
In-Custody Programming Coordinator since May 2019
Creative Writing Group Co-Facilitator & Music Group Co-Facilitator
- Train and oversee facilitators to lead book clubs and creative writing groups at jails in San Bruno and Redwood City, California.
 - Led a weekly writing group for incarcerated people (Winter, Spring, Fall 2018; Winter, Spring 2019).
 - Led a weekly music group for incarcerated people (Summer 2018).
- Jan 2018-April 2018 **Prison University Project at San Quentin**, San Quentin, CA
General Writing Tutor
- Tutored incarcerated students once per week through the Patten University college program.
 - Edited student essays and other writing assignments; helped students work through ideas and express themselves on paper.
- Jan 2014-May 2016 **Cornell Prison Education Program**, Auburn & Moravia, NY
Teaching Assistant
- Prepared coursework and aided in classroom administration of college courses at two prisons.
 - Led class discussions, facilitated group work, and tutored over sixty students in five courses.
 - Served as editor and contributor to *Writer's Bloc*, a literary magazine authored by students and teaching assistants.

OTHER STANFORD LAW SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- May 2020-present Public Interest Fellow
- May 2019-present Race and Criminal Justice Reading Group, *Co-Facilitator*
- Oct 2018-present Immigration Pro Bono Project, *Member*
- May 2019-May 2020 Public Interest Mentorship Program, *Criminal Defense Mentor*
- May 2019-May 2020 Criminal Law Society, *Co-President*