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EDUCATION

Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

Aug. 2022 - present

Candidate for J.D. and Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology with a concentration in forensic psychology (expected 2029)

Amherst College, (AC), Amherst, MA

Sept. 2018 - May 2022

B.A. in Law, Jurisprudence, and Social Thought and Psychology GPA 3.85/4.00

University of Oxford, St. Catherine's College, Oxford, U.K.

Sept. 2021 – Dec. 2021

Courses: Criminology, Ethics, History and Philosophy of Punishment, Ethics of Rectificatory Justice

Senior Thesis: *A Problematic Provocation: The role of gender identity on assessments of guilt and criminal culpability in a mock jury decision-making paradigm*

Thesis stipends: Gregory S. Call Student Research Funding \$4350 and \$1000

Relevant Courses: Psychology and the Law, Statistics and Experimental Design, Intergroup Dialogue on Race, What's So Great About (In)equality?

Awards:

Haskell R. Coplin Prize for excellence in psychology

May 2022

David Kirp 1965 Stonewall Prize for a work of intellectual merit pertaining to the LGBTQ+ community

May 2022

Meiklejohn Fellow (Fellowship for First Generation/Low Income Students)

2018 - 2022

Crowell Prize for the highest scholarship in first-year Latin courses

2018 - 2019

RESEARCH

EXPERIENCE

AC Psychology Department

Feb. 2021 – May 2022

Research Intern for Prof. Rebecca Totton

- As a team member designing and conducting quantitative and qualitative studies on anti-transgender bias in the media, perceptions of transgender defendants, how often transgender individuals are seen as untrustworthy compared to other groups, and perceptions of nonbinary identities

Stonehill College (SC), Criminology Department, Easton, MA

June 2019 – Aug. 2020

Legal Research Intern

- As a team member conducted in depth legal research and analysis into prosecution of Somali nationals accused of piracy around the world
- Summarized case information; collected and inputted data based on over 40 criteria
- Independently analyzed international piracy proceedings and statutes; identified jurisdictional inconsistencies that obstructed justice, fairness, equity, and humane treatment for Somali defendants
- Presented research findings at SC's Undergraduate Research Program's poster session

PUBLICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS

Presidential Speech Acts in the Digital Age: The Illusion of Authenticity

May 2022

Columbia Undergraduate Law Review

A Problematic Provocation: The role of gender identity on assessments of guilt and criminal culpability in a mock jury decision-making paradigm

Apr. 2022

Panel Presentation, Harvard Undergraduate Scholarship and Social Justice Conference

A Problematic Provocation: The role of gender identity on assessments of guilt and criminal culpability in a mock jury decision-making paradigm

Feb. 2022

Undergraduate Poster Presentation, Society for Personality and Social Psychology's Annual Convention

A Problematic Provocation: The role of gender identity on assessments of guilt and criminal culpability in a mock jury decision-making paradigm

Nov. 2021

Data Blitz Presentation, Harvard Women in Psychology's Trends in Psychology Summit

WORK and VOLUNTEER **EXPERIENCE**

Faerieworks of New England, West Bridgewater, MA

June 2019 – present

Small Business Owner

- Independently founded a vegan and cruelty free crystal candle company focused on helping clients relax and reduce anxiety; established an Etsy shop; (<https://www.etsy.com/shop/FaerieWorksofNE>)
- Created legally compliant labels; organized liability insurance; developed shipping contracts; and ensured legal compliance with Schedule C
- Design and manufacture products by hand, package and ship orders, coordinate supply orders, maintain books, provide customer service, manage social media and marketing
- Sold over 1500 products and to date and have earned a gross profit of over \$30,000; donated 50% of earnings to charities and used remaining funds to help pay for college education

South Boston TMS, East Bridgewater, MA (15 hrs./week)

Feb. 2021 – Aug. 2022

TMS Coordinator

- Administered NeuroStar Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) treatments and Beck Depression Inventory
- Coordinated patient health questionnaires, scheduled patient appointments, followed up on patient referrals, and documented treatment notes
- Special focus on opioid addiction; reviewed patient toxicology reports and oversaw opioid medication prescription history
- Conducted social media marketing, industry networking, and community outreach

New Vision Organization, Inc., Brockton, MA (10 hrs./week)

June 2021 - Aug. 2022

Legal Outreach Intern

- Serving as a legal advocate for two clients incarcerated in Massachusetts state prisons
- Contact civil rights attorneys, private investigators, local politicians, and criminal justice organizations on their behalf
- Coordinate legal representation in civil lawsuits

Criminal Justice Policy Coalition, Boston, MA (2 hrs./week)

June 2021 – Aug. 2021

Volunteer

- Compiled a monthly criminal justice news digest for the organization’s newsletters, searched for articles about criminal justice policies in Massachusetts

The Lionheart Foundation, Dedham, MA (5 hrs./week)

June 2021 – Aug. 2021

Marketing and Outreach Intern

- Served as Search Engine Optimization (SEO) specialist to help develop and market prevention and rehabilitation programs to at-risk populations
- Created updated sitemap; developed alternative text for images on company’s website

LEADERSHIP

EXPERIENCE

AC Psychology Department Committee on Inclusion and Belonging

May 2021 - May 2022

Member

- Serving on a faculty/student committee focused on fostering inclusion and belonging within psychology department
- Plan events and department-wide initiatives cultivating community and diversity; provide student support and identify ways to increase psychology students’ engagement with, and understanding of, issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion

SKILLS AND

INTERESTS

Computer: Java, C++, basic skills in R and SSPS

Languages: Proficient in reading Latin; basic Arabic and Spanish
Certifications: Neurostar TMS Clinical Operator, CPR/AED First Aid
Interests: rowing, candle-making, lifting