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EDUCATION

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Ph.D./Master of Arts (Conferred in 2023), Political Science August 2021 – Present

- Kneier Fellowship (2021- Present)

University of Nevada, Reno

August 2016 – May 2019

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and International Affairs, Minor in Geography

- Fulbright U.S. Student Study Grant Semi-Finalist
- Associated Students of University of Nevada Student Voice Award
- Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

U.S. General Services Administration Evaluation Division – Remote Position from Reno, NV

Research Associate | August 2022 – September 2023

- Lead and organize a formative evaluation project on a voter guide for justice-involved people
- Conduct literature reviews and summarize findings across social sciences and behavioral economics
- Gather administrative and public data sources for conducting statistical analyses using R
- Contribute ideas for strategic organizational development for a small and new federal agency office

Illinois Global Institute's Midwest Transitional Justice Network – Urbana, IL

Research Assistant | August 2021- August 2022

- Created outreach materials, marketing emails, one-pagers, and social media content
- Recruited over 100 scholars from 40 different university institutions to join a scholar-activist research group

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Keyway Center for Diversion & Reentry – St. Louis, MO

Events & Communications AmeriCorps VISTA | August 2020 – August 2021

- Researched the criminal justice literature and policy reforms in the U.S. for monthly blog posts
- Managed social media pages and designed graphics for an agency serving justice-involved women

Office of U.S. House Assistant Speaker Ben Ray Luján – Washington, D.C.

Press Intern | February 2020 – June 2020

- Drafted speeches, newsletters, and press releases for the Congressman on emerging national issues
- Staffed and photographed the Congressman at high-profile events and constituent meetings

Office of United States Senator Catherine Cortez Masto – Washington, D.C.

Press Intern | September 2019 – December 2019

- Assisted the press team in the drafting process of an op-ed on Latino housing discrimination in Nevada
- Created a strategic messaging plan for President Trump's impeachment hearings

Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno

Director of Legislative Affairs | May 2018 – May 2019

- Advocated to university administrators, city councilors, and state legislators on student-supported issues
- Led and organized teach-in's, lobbying workshops, and weekly department meetings

Northern Nevada International Center

Programs and Refugee Resettlement Intern | January 2018 – June 2018

- Assisted resettlement caseworkers by delivering necessities to families and setting up houses
- Drafted program proposals for the U.S. Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Blueprint for Transitional Justice in the US: Building on Lessons and Insights from Global Perspectives

- Presented at the Chancellor's Call to Action to Address Racism & Social Injustice Research Symposium at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (Oct 2022)

Human Rights Violations: Gender Development, Equality, and Insight from Saudi Arabia and Eswatini

- Presented at the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science National Research Conference in Washington, D.C. (Feb 2019)

Security as Militarism and Gender-Based Violence in Bahrain

- Presented at the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Annual Meeting in Reno, NV (Oct 2018)

INVITED TALKS/PRESENTATIONS

"Sexual Assault Awareness." Presented at the ASUN Teach-In. Reno, NV. 2019.

"A Conversation on Campus Hunger." Selected as Panelist. Reno, NV. 2019.

"University's Role in the Housing Crisis." Presented at University of Nevada, Reno Teach-In. 2018.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Chair and Committee Member, Graduate Employee Organization | *August 2021 – January 2023*

PUBLICATIONS

- Worrall, Katie. "Rosa Luxemburg's 'Beyond' Capitalism and Amy Allen's 'Beyond' the Developmental Arc of History" University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign's Kritik Blog. Published October 2022.
- Worrall, Katie. "Ideas of Individuals, Communities, and Institutions at the Foundation of the United States Housing Crisis" University of Nevada, Reno's The Montag. Published May 2019.