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EDUCATION

UCLA

Cognitive Science and Public Affairs

Los Angeles, California

2023-2027

Relevant Coursework: Human Biology and Physiology, Genetics, Ecology, and Evolution, Cell and Molecular Biology, Introductory Psychology, General Chemistry for Life Scientists I, General Chemistry For Life Scientists II, Mathematics For Life Scientists

CUPERTINO HIGH SCHOOL

Cupertino, California

2019-2023

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant in the Chen Lab – Stony Brook, NY (Hybrid)

January 2024 – Present

- Assisting in research on Alzheimer's disease, focusing on the distribution of different pathologies across brain regions and their potential links to cognitive deficits.
- Designing and implementing online cognitive tasks with PsychoPy to investigate memory, executive function, and processing speed.
- Analyzing data using Python and Pandas from online studies to understand cognitive impairments and assess confounding factors.
- Participating in weekly lab meetings to discuss research developments and methodologies.
- Building skills in online recruitment through CloudResearch and experimental design.

Student Researcher – Cupertino, CA

June 2022 – September 2022

- Worked under Professor Dawn Gondoli of the University of Notre Dame.
- Formulated a research proposal examining the effect of thought probes on adolescent engagement with appearance-focused Instagram images.
- Participated in rigorous, lengthy discussions with student cohort and professor analyzing articles on the topic of study.
- Earned an A+ for the Oberlin-accredited research and two college credits.

Student Researcher – Cupertino, CA

October 2021 – March 2022

- Mentored by Dr. Xi Chen, a UC Berkeley Postdoc, now Assistant Professor at Stony Brook University
- Designed and executed a within-subjects research study to explore if group accountability can help reduce teen TikTok usage.
- Recruited 30 participants and meticulously adhered to privacy measures.
- Used Excel to analyze data, perform statistical tests, and create visuals.
- Used Google Slides and IMovie to create presentation deliverables.
- Ensured accuracy and authenticity of all recorded information.
- Secured 2nd place at the Synopsys Alameda County Science and Engineering Fair.

Student Researcher – Cupertino, CA

June 2021 – August 2021

- Mentored by Marissa Korn, a Princeton MA Candidate in Domestic Politics.
- Conducted in-depth research on US anti-abortion policies and reproductive justice.
- Authored a research paper analyzing current affairs and proposing effective policy recommendations advocating for reproductive justice.
- Selected to present findings at the prestigious 5th Polygence Symposium.
- Published paper in the Curieux Academic Journal.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Policy Intern at Maverick Health Policy – Washington D.C. (Remote)

August 2024 – Present

- Monitoring and reporting on federal health policy changes impacting healthcare services and regulation.
- Developing detailed client reports, including newsletters, event summaries, and policy briefs.

Intern – Palo Alto, CA (Remote)

July 2024 – Present

- Working under the mentorship of Dr. Pascal Geldsetzer of Stanford University.
- Conducting research on the relationship between shingles vaccination and dementia, building on recent findings.
- Searching for relevant datasets and facilitating applications for data access.
- Contributing to developing research designs and methodological approaches in collaboration with the research team.

Daily Bruin Podcast Intern – Los Angeles, CA

September 2023 – Present

- Received training in crafting engaging podcast content and technical production skills.
- Contribute to cohesive production of podcast episodes through writing, editing, and recording.
- Collaborate with team members to brainstorm and develop compelling ideas.

Sustainability Intern (Paid) – Cupertino, CA

June 2021 – August 2021

- Worked under Hoi-Fei Mok, the City of San Leandro Sustainability Manager.
- Conducted in-depth research on the harmful effects of the Bay Area wildfires on local communities.
- Created, filmed, and edited a compelling video on personal climate stories related to the Bay Area wildfires, aiming to inspire local engagement in green initiatives.
- Commended by manager on execution of the video project.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**Founder and CEO of TRUST – Cupertino, CA**

April 2023 – Present

- Founded TRUST, an organization that holds targeted workshops to help high school and college students enact habit change through group accountability.
- Conduct extensive research to craft tailored workshop plans with effective techniques, impactful videos and articles, and interactive activities to drive meaningful habit change.
- Create elaborate graphics and promotional materials with Canva to increase workshop engagement.
- Hosted workshops for over 100 participants, resulting in significant improvements in participant contentment, productivity, and overall fulfillment.
- Currently spearheading efforts to expand TRUST's reach to multiple college and high school campuses, with a focus on establishing partnerships with hospitals to spearhead home-health initiatives.

Care Extender Volunteer – Los Angeles, CA

September 2023 – Present

- Volunteer at the Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU), 8W Surgical Unit, and Emergency Department (ED) at the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center.
- Assist with various tasks such as answering phone calls, restocking supply carts, and delivering food and essential supplies to patient rooms.
- Observe patient interactions and medical procedures under the supervision of nurses and physicians.
- Greet patients and visitors in the ED waiting room, providing assistance and delivering necessary supplies.

Medical Aid Initiative Volunteer – Los Angeles, CA

September 2023 – Present

- Organize warehouse supplies, ensuring accurate inventory levels check through regular checks and restocking.
- Package donations for distribution to other organizations and communities.

PUBLICATIONS

Nagarajan, S. "In the Wake of Unprecedented Anti-Abortion Actions, A Call For Reproductive Justice". Curieux Academic Journal., 2021.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2nd Place - Synopsys Alameda County Science and Engineering Fair

March 2022

Dean's Honors List

December 2023