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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology

The Graduate Center, CUNY

New York, NY
Expected 2026

Master of Public Policy

University of California, Riverside – School of Public Policy
Concentration: Inequality and Poverty

Riverside, CA
June 2019

Bachelor of Arts Economics & Political Science

University of California, Riverside

Riverside, CA
August 2017

RESEARCH INTEREST

Inequality, Poverty, Social Policy, Quantitative Methods

HONORS AND AWARDS

Provost Enhancement Fellowship

2021-Present

Reducing Inequality Network Scholar

2021-Present

Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality- LIS Summer Workshop Scholarship

Summer 2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

The Graduate Center, CUNY

Graduate Student

New York, NY
August 2021-Present

The University of the Pacific, Center for Business and Policy Research

Research Assistant

Stockton, CA
October 2020 – August 2021

UC Riverside School of Public Policy Blum Initiative &

The Community Action Partnership of Riverside County

Capstone Research Project

Riverside, CA
September 2018 – June 2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California Riverside

Public Policy- Introduction to Politics and Public Policy- Instructor

Spring Quarter 2020

Public Policy- Case Studies in Public Policy- Instructor

Summer Session A 2019

Public Policy- Introduction to Public Policy-Teaching Assistant

Summer Session A 2018 – Fall 2018

Economics- Public Economics- Grader

Fall 2020

Economics- History of Economic Thought- Grader

Spring 2020

Economics- Introduction to Game Theory- Grader

Spring 2021

Economics- Land and Resource Economics- Grader

Spring 2021

Economics- Economics of Education- Grader

Fall 2020- Winter 2021

Economics- Global Poverty- Grader

Spring 2019, 2020, 2021

New York University

Introduction to Sociology- Teaching Assistant

Fall Semester 2022

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CONFERENCE AND PRESENTATIONS

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, CA Regional Student Conference

April 2019

“The Experience of Poverty in Riverside County, As a High-Poverty, High-Growth Affordability Mecca of Southern California”

SKILLS

Computer: Microsoft Office Suite, Publisher, Google Drive applications, STATA, R

Research: qualitative and quantitative analysis, STATA, Excel, survey design, data management, GitHub

Relevant Coursework: Quantitative Methods, Quantitative Methods II, Qualitative Methods, Microeconomics, Policy Evaluation, Policy Analysis, Multivariable Calculus, Sociological Statistics I and II

Languages: Spanish (Fluent; speaking, reading, writing), English (Fluent; speaking, reading, writing), French (Basic: speaking and reading)

WORK EXPERIENCE

City of Moreno Valley, Economic Development Department

Moreno Valley, CA

Marketing Research Intern

January 2019 – March 2020

- Data mine and gather information about developers, private institutions, tech companies, and biomedical companies to send out a city request for a proposal for a planned city project.
- Responsible for tracking, summarizing, and reporting on important national and statewide legislation relevant to the department.
- Draft weekly summaries on developments and projects in surrounding cities in the Inland Empire and report to the Economic Development Director.
- Assist project managers on tasks related to research on growth opportunities in new markets by contacting and arranging meetings between staff and decision-makers at conferences and events attended by city staff.
- Support in developing reports and presentations, creating and assembling packets for developers and business owners, and updating internal databases.

Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)

Riverside, CA

Public Service Fellow for the City of Hemet

June 2017 – April 2018

- Assist the City of Hemet's Community Development Department with preparing staff reports, PowerPoint presentations, and exhibits for proposed projects requiring Planning Commission and City Council approval.
- Develop a mobile home and RV park data and resource book to update and improve regulatory oversight and permit procedures to meet Housing and Community Development standards.
- Assist with designing and implementing new projects and protocols for mobile home parks with feedback from all involved staff and departments.
- Assist with the City of Hemet's housing element for 2010-2017 by compiling development data for the city.
- Compile information using Rivco GIS, Real Quest, Excel, city documents, and CRW Systems to assemble a list of all active projects from 2005-2017 for city use.