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### About

My passion for climate justice grew out of my interest in global health issues and recognizing that our greatest social and ecological dilemmas are exacerbated by the climate crisis. This recognition, combined with my experiences inside and outside of university, has driven me to build my career focused on multi-disciplinary solutions which draw on the knowledge of all peoples, not only academia. Particular areas of expertise and interest include youth empowerment, climate justice, global health policy, gender equity, and food security.

### Education

2017-2021 **University of California, San Diego**

Department of Anthropology, Eleanor Roosevelt College (ERC)

Bachelor of Arts in Global Health

Minor in Climate Change Studies

Graduated *magna cum laude*

### Work History

2022-Present **S-3 Research**

*Research Associate*

- Coding data and contributing to the publication of research papers focused on social media analysis relating to COVID-19 topics.

#### **The Global Action Research Center**

2021-Present *Administrative Assistant*

- Managing social media and communication by creating flyers, presentations, blog posts, and media posts.
- Assisting in the Ocean View Growing Grounds, our community garden, to educate on nature-based climate solutions and host youth workshops, and maintain the community garden, centered on nature-based climate solutions.
- Acting as the systems administrator for the Microsoft suite, assisting staff with technical issues in addition to organizing and managing files.

2020-2021 *Intern*

- Designed and implemented the Youth Climate Justice Advocates program, teaching children in elementary and middle school about climate science, climate justice, and actions they can take in their community.
- Created a new website in Squarespace to update the design as well as improve visitor access to information and resources.

- 2021-2022     **Global Health Policy and Data Institute**  
*Research Associate*
- Disseminating research results for the Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program, including updating and revitalizing the institute's website with RapidWeaver, creating research briefs and graphics, and communicating with stakeholders.
- 2020-2021     **Seventh College- University of California, San Diego**  
*Resident Assistant (RA)*
- Acting as a resource and a supporter for first-year students as they transition into university while building community among residents through program creation and facilitation.
- 2020-2021     **Department of Anthropology- University of California, San Diego**  
*Instructional Assistant (IA)*
- Aiding instructors in grading assignments and managing online course content and assisting students with questions on course content and requirement.
- 2019-2020     **Food Cooperative at UCSD**  
*Core Member*
- Performed cashier duties and oversaw the finances of a student-run enterprise committed to providing healthy, and socially responsible food to the UC San Diego community.
- 2018-2019     **Eleanor Roosevelt College- University of California, San Diego**  
*Orientation Leader*
- Applying training and personal experiences in order to guide and to be a resource for incoming Eleanor Roosevelt College students.

## **Research Experience**

- 2019-2020     **UCGHI COE Women's Health, Gender, and Empowerment**  
*Summer Scholar*
- Conducted semi-structured individual interviews with undergraduate students at UCLA, UC San Diego, and UC Santa Barbara, coding transcripts, and analyzing interviews to evaluate the impact of sexual education on relationships in college, culminating in several papers including my senior honors thesis.
  - Presented preliminary findings at UC San Diego Undergraduate Research Conference 2019.

2018-2019 **UC San Diego Center on Gender Equity and Health**

*Research Intern*

- Conducted twenty individual interviews and four focused group discussions for the “UC Speaks Up” project which explored factors that shape intimate relationships and sexual and interpersonal violence among students.

## **Student Organizations**

2018-2021 **American Mock World Health Organization**

*Chapter President*

- Managed a team of eight in designing and organizing general body meetings, fundraisers, and outreach activities.
- Completed our goals of hosting a regional conference and becoming an official chapter in order to strengthen our relationships with other chapters across the country.

2018-2021 **Global Health Program- University of California, San Diego**

*Student Representative*

- Collaborated with other representatives in programming and outreach (ex. student office hours, career workshops) to connect students with resources and build relationships within the program.

## **Volunteer Roles**

2019 **ELI Abroad- Voluntarios Internacionales**

*Volunteer*

- Lived with a host family in Quito, Ecuador for 8 weeks while working at a local youth center teaching English and assisted in personal enrichment workshops.

2019 **MMW Serves- University of California, San Diego**

*Student Volunteer*

- Attended the weekly seminar focused on world history through an environmental lens throughout the winter quarter followed by a spring break service trip to the Catalina Island

2018 **Global Seminars- University of California, San Diego**

*Student Volunteer*

- Spent three weeks in Cape Town, South Africa doing academic work and two weeks in Livingstone Zambia, volunteering with GreenPop and learning how to combat deforestation in the region.

2018 **Break Away Global Service (BAGS)- University of California, San Diego**  
*Student Volunteer*

- Completed a seminar focused on the history and culture of Belize and traveled to San Ignacio, Belize to complete a service project at a transitional foster care home

2018 **Refugee Educational Empowerment and Recreation Program**  
*Volunteer*

- Helped create a safe space for expression, exploration, and growth for adolescent refugees from the greater San Diego area

2017-2019 **International House- University of California, San Diego**  
*Language Conversation Table Host- English Table*

- Assisted attendees in improving their English and becoming more acquainted with American culture
- Planned weekly lesson plans and activities while coordinating with other hosts and the interns of the LCT program

### **Skills**

Public speaking (8 Years)

Teaching (3 years)

Team management (4 years)

Qualitative research (4 years)

Group facilitation (4 years)

Microsoft Office Suite (1.5 years)

Social media content (3 years)

Web Design (2 years)

Bookkeeping (2 years)

Spanish (10 years)

### **Awards and Recognitions**

2021 Eleanor Roosevelt College Provost Scholars Award

2021 Outstanding New Paraprofessional

2021 HDH Exemplary Student Employee of the Year

2019 Eleanor Roosevelt College Outstanding Apartment Resident