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EDUCATION

Northeastern University

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology and Environmental Studies

Graduated Magna Cum Laude

Honors: Dean's List (2015-2019); Northeastern Department of Sociology and Anthropology Outstanding Social

Justice Advocate Award

Study Abroad: Israel and Palestine Dialogue of Civilizations: Conflict, Coexistence, and Cooperation

Boston, MA

December 2019

GPA: 3.77

WORK EXPERIENCE

Northeastern University Environmental Justice Research Collaborative

Research Assistant and Chief Editor

Boston, MA

May 2016 – December 2019

- Co-authored report on deregulation of pesticides and its implication on a national and global scale through research and analytical writing
- Analyzed scientific literature on environmental impacts of pesticides by creating article abstracts, conducting interviews, and writing report on findings
- Delegated writing assignments to peers, authored pieces, and compiled and edited writing submissions for ten NEJRC Reactions newsletter publications

Northeastern University Political Ecology and Environmental Justice Course

Teaching Assistant

Boston, MA

January – May 2019

- Organized class materials by upkeeping shared Google Drive folder, updating assignment Excel sheet, emailing students about class schedule, discussions, and projects
- Developed and contributed discussion topics ranging environmental policies, rise of environmental justice movement, scientific and technological literature, and environmental justice in relation to current affairs
- Coordinated and collected student research assignments

Conservation Law Foundation

Research Assistant

Boston, MA

January – June 2018

- Researched and evaluated projects for two environmental justice staff attorneys by conducting community outreach for Boston stakeholders
- Organized and prepared research for policy development in collaboration with lead attorney to advocate and lobby for the Boston Zero Waste Plan and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Manion, Gaynor and Manning LLP

Office Services Assistant

Boston, MA

January – June 2017

- Collaborated with paralegals and attorneys regarding complex case documentation
- Organized plaintiff records and filed paperwork for resolved cases while upholding strict confidentiality
- Maintained detailed up-to-date inventory in all supply rooms
- Created welcoming environment for clients by offering refreshments and directing them to meeting location while transferring calls for a firm of twenty attorneys and adhering to company protocols

Private Tutor

English Tutor

Santiago, Chile

June 2015 – June 2017

- Offered academic support in English grammar, writing, and conversational skills to two youths, ages 9 and 14
- Created and facilitated activities and lessons; promoted confidence in oral language skills

LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

United Nations Climate Change Conference COP25

Northeastern University Observer

Madrid, Spain
December 2019

- Selected as one of ten university representatives
- Observed various article negotiations and side-events panels
- Attended Chilean delegation meetings to voice concerns regarding negotiations as a Chilean representative
- Authored and published blog post detailing gap between Chilean delegation environmental goals and state of emergency in nation on School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs website
- Recorded negotiation minutes for United Nations Development Programme

CSSH Student Advisory Council

Appointed Sociology Representative

Boston, MA
September 2017 – December 2019

- Voiced concerns and suggestions as Department of Sociology student representative
- Provided feedback to College of Social Sciences and Humanities (CSSH) Dean's Office on student perspectives and new initiatives
- Strategized and collaborated with other student representatives from CSSH and members of the Dean's Office to create new initiatives and resolve major or college related issues

Clean Water Action

Appointed Member of Youth Advisory Board

Boston, MA
June 2017 – December 2019

- Advocated for renewable energy legislation, solar incentives, and environmental justice for city of Boston by communicating and organizing local projects
- Coordinated environmental activist events and campaigns in collaboration with members

Sociology and Anthropology Student Association

Elected President and Treasurer

Boston, MA
September 2015 – September 2018

- Scheduled and organized events and meetings for organization
- Created weekly list serve emails sent out to over 200 students
- Developed relevant and creative discussion topics in collaboration with executive board members for every meeting

Outreach360 Alternative Spring Break

Volunteer English and Spanish Teacher

Jinotega, Nicaragua
March 2016

- Developed and supervised organized activities and lessons for thirty children, aged 5 to 14
- Inspired leadership and adaptation skills for underprivileged children through English Secondary Language (ESL) enrichment program

NUTells

Volunteer English Teacher

Boston, MA
September 2015 – May 2016

- Taught assigned Northeastern University custodians oral and written English skills through creative weekly tutoring sessions
- Built trusting relationships that inspired confidence and success

Palmarés Oriente Public School

Volunteer English Teacher

Santiago, Chile
September – December 2014

- Motivated and encouraged underprivileged students to strengthen language learning skills through pronunciation, group activities, and oral assessments
- Provided support in grammar, writing, and conversation for 5th to 9th graders

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Computer: Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint; experienced in GIS and Procreate
Language: Fluent in Spanish and English (oral and written)
Interests: Environmental justice and policy; community service; nutrition; boxing; fictional novels