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EDUCATION

Bachelors of Arts, Sociology, *summa cum laude*

Minor in French

University of California, Davis | September 2020 - June 2024

Relevant Coursework: Sociological Theory, Collective Behavior, Political Sociology,
Sociology of Culture, Composition in French, French Literature and Other Arts,
Multilingualism

University of California Education Abroad Program, French in Paris

Accent Global Learning, Paris | Summer Quarter 2023

Relevant Coursework: Advanced French Composition, Food in French Art

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- Areas of research specialization include space, place, urban sociology, collective behavior, social movements, language, and culture.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Sociology Honors Thesis Researcher

Department of Sociology, University of California, Davis | September 2023 - June 2024

- Reviewed and synthesized existing literatures on university architecture and student protests
- Collected and organized data from city and school newspaper publications and archives
- Visually cataloged data into tables, flow charts, and coding trees
- Conducted a reflexive thematic analysis of data using an inductive approach and semantic and latent codes

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Department of Sociology, University of California, Davis | June 2022 - August 2024

- Assistant to UC Davis Ph.D. candidate Christopher Lawrence, conducting primary and secondary source research on the relationship between Black and White adults' offline and online communities in Sacramento
- Designed informative, eye-catching flyers used for interviewee recruitment
- Helped formulate an interview guide used to conduct semi-structured interviews with research participants

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Student Success Coach

City Year Sacramento, AmeriCorps | August 2024 - June 2025

- Provided academic and social-emotional learning support to a 5th-grade classroom of 28 students
- Designed and facilitated small group activities targeting foundational math skills, phonetics, and artistic creativity ensuring that students perform at or above grade level
- Collaborated with coworkers and school staff to coordinate and execute schoolwide events, including spirit weeks and heritage month celebrations
- Tracked student progress data while maintaining confidentiality in compliance with school and AmeriCorps standards

French Peer Advisor

Department of French, University of California, Davis | September 2023 - June 2024

- Provided guidance on French major and minor curriculum requirements, helping students with course selection, scheduling, and academic planning
- Advised prospective study abroad applicants on the application process, program requirements, travel necessities, and offered advice for life abroad
- Led one-on-one and group tutoring sessions as well as conversation groups for students of varying language proficiencies to develop their French language skills
- Represented the French department at events for freshmen and transfer students to promote language studies

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS:

“The Space and Place of Dissent: How Students Leverage University Architecture During Protests,” Undergraduate Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Conference, Davis, CA. April 26, 2024.

- Oral presentation on sociology honors thesis research

AWARDS AND HONORS:

Graduated *summa cum laude*

- UC grade point average in the top percent of College of Letters and Science
- Completed an honors program through College of Letters and Science major
- Faculty sponsor designated thesis as deserving “highest honors”

UC Davis University Honors Program | 2021 - 2024

- Achieved a minimum of a 3.250 cumulative GPA each academic year
- Completed 3 honors courses and a research preparation course
- Engaged in a minimum of 20 hours of community service
- Completed a project activity via study abroad
- Completed and presented a capstone experience via sociology honors thesis

Phi Beta Kappa | 2024

- Knowledge of a foreign language at an “intermediate” level
- Letters and Sciences units totaling 135 for seniors
- Seventy-five units completed for letter-grade credit at Davis
- College preparatory level mathematics
- Breadth in the course record: twelve units completed for letter-grade credit in the humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences

Department Citation in Sociology | 2024

- Maintained a 3.60 major GPA

French Peer Advising Certificate of Recognition | 2024

- “Outstanding achievements and exemplary dedication on behalf of the undergraduate students in French”

Sailer Undergraduate Education Scholarship | 2023

UC Davis Dean's Honors List | Winter 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Winter 2023, Spring 2023

- Quarterly GPA equal to or higher than the minimum grade point average attained by the upper 16 percent of those registered in the same class level and college

Seal of Biliteracy | 2020

- Studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation

SKILLS:

Social Science Data : Zotero, Stata, Qualtrics, Transcription

Other: Google Suite, Microsoft Suite, Adobe, Canva, Photoshop, First Aid, AED

LANGUAGES:

English: Fluent

French: Proficient

Igbo: Conversational

REFERENCES:

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