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EDUCATION

University of California At Berkeley, School of Law
Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program, Ph.D.

Expected 2026

- First year doctoral student concentrating in Law and History.

Wellesley College—Wellesley, MA

August 2016-May 2020

Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science

- Honors and Awards: Latin Honors *Magna Cum Laude*, Departmental Honors in History, *Deborah W. Diehl Prize for Distinction in History*, the Wellesley History Department's highest honor.
- Fellowships: Wellesley Career Education Women in Government Grant, FAO Schwarz Foundation
- As the *Student Representative* chosen to be on the Wellesley College Board of Trustees Committee, the "Wellesley Experience" (2019-2020), expressed student views to Trustees on variety of issues; worked with Trustees on college governance.
- As the College Government *Secretary-Treasurer* (2017-2018), managed all communications for College Government, including writing the weekly minutes and operating all College Government social media platforms; acted as the treasurer for College Government; organized town halls for the campus community concurrent with projects such as improving mental health resources on campus and changing the academic Multicultural Requirement.
- As a College Government *Senator* (2016-2017), representing residential hall, Stone Davis, attended weekly Senate meetings and reported back to Stone Davis House Council; worked on a project to get menstrual products in menstrual hall bathrooms. Additionally, served on College Government Communications Committee, helping to plan College Government events and create social media posts.
- Contributed essays to the Wellesley College Law Journal.
- Studied at the University of Oxford in the fall of 2018 with coursework in History and Politics, focusing on Global and Imperial History from 1750-1914 and International Relations during the Cold War.

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

Senior Honors Thesis Research

September 2019-May 2020

"No White Man Could Be Punished:" How the Supreme Court Promoted Racial Violence in the Late Nineteenth Century

- Investigated how two Supreme Court decisions, *U.S. v. Cruikshank* (1876) and the *Civil Rights Cases* (1883) sanctioned white supremacy and acts of violence by white men against Black Americans.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Philadelphia District Attorney's Office—Philadelphia, PA
Economic Crimes Unit, Intern

May-August 2019

- Organized and analyzed trial files for prosecution of crimes like deed theft, fraud, bail theft, and financial abuse of the elderly. Investigated bank records for evidence of criminal wrongdoing. Helped prepare and compile discovery files to pass to the defense. Transcribed recorded phone calls and videos. Conducted legal research. Worked with one policy advisor on presenting case-study research to present to District Attorney on ceasing the charging of prostitution.

- Observed criminal and legal processes. Attended exoneration hearings with the Conviction Integrity Unit, and met with lawyers from the Pennsylvania Innocence Project.

The Legal Aid Society—Bronx NY

May-August 2018

Criminal Defense Practice, *Investigator Intern*

- Worked with public defense attorneys to investigate criminal cases. Interviewed witnesses; interviewed and supported clients; obtained video footage including footage of illegal “stop and frisk” searches perpetrated by police; performed CLEAR and PACER searches; photographed scenes; conducted social media searches; and transcribed witness interviews.

Crow’s Nest Restaurant—Montauk, NY

Summers 2015-2017, 2020, 2021

Hostess

August 2018, 2019

- Worked full time at popular restaurant. Greeted guests upon arrival, handled seating of up to 600 guests per night; made and modified reservations; reset tables.

SKILLS

Research, writing, editing, project management, evidence gathering, clerical work, web-based content creation and social media. Adept in Microsoft Office Suite, Google Drive, and Westlaw.

Languages: conversational in Spanish.