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EDUCATION

California State University, Fullerton Spring 2024
Sociology, M.A.

University of California, Merced Spring 2022
Sociology, B.A., Writing Minor

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmentalism, Climate Emergency, Natural Disasters, Civic Engagement, Social Movements, Immigration, Social Inequality

WORKING PAPERS

“Assessing Disaster Response, Relief and Preparedness: A Qualitative Study on Relief Personnel in Planada, CA 2023”

“Environmental & Climate Justice Mobilization and Policy Outcomes, and their Connection to Community Choice Programs and Clean Energy Relief Programs: Southern California and the Eastern Sierra Nevada 2000-2014”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

California State University, Fullerton Summer 2023
Graduate Assistant
Course Name: SOCI 101: Introduction to Sociology
Faculty: Sharon Kim, Ph.D.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

California State University, Fullerton Summer 2023 - Spring 2024
Master Thesis
Project: “Assessing Disaster Response, Relief and Preparedness: A Qualitative Study on Relief Personnel in Planada, CA 2023”
Committee: Christopher Gibson, Ph.D. (Chair), Edwin Lopez, Ph.D., Mariam Ashtiani, Ph.D.

University of California, Merced Spring 2020 - Spring 2022
Undergraduate Research Assistant
Project: “Environmental & Climate Justice Mobilization and Policy Outcomes”
PI: Paul Almeida, Ph.D.

PRESENTATIONS

“Environmental & Climate Justice Mobilization and Policy Outcomes, and their Connection to Community Choice Programs and Clean Energy Relief Programs: Southern California and the Eastern Sierra Nevada 2000-2014” UROC Undergraduate Research Symposium - Summer 2021, Merced, CA, July 30, 2021.

“Environmental & Climate Justice Mobilization and Policy Outcomes: Southern California and the Eastern Sierra Nevada 2000-2014” Pacific Sociological Association Conference 2021, March 18, 2021.

“Environmental & Climate Justice Mobilization and Policy Outcomes: Southern California and the Eastern Sierra Nevada 2000-2014” California Sociological Association Conference 2020, November 7, 2020.

“Environmental & Climate Justice Mobilization and Policy Outcomes: Southern California and the Eastern Sierra Nevada 2000-2014” UROC Undergraduate Research Symposium - Fall 2020, Merced, CA, October 17, 2020.

LEADERSHIP

California Sociological Association

Student Representative Fall 2023 - Current

Social Media Representative Fall 2022 - Current

California State University, Northridge - Phi Mu Fraternity, Eta Nu

Social/Risk Management Advisor Fall 2022

University of California, Merced - Phi Mu Fraternity, Eta Sigma

Alumni Relations Chair Spring 2022

University of California, Merced - Associated Students of UC Merced (ASUCM)

Executive Director of Communication Fall 2020 - Spring 2021

University of California, Merced - Sociology Club of UC Merced

President Fall 2020 - Spring 2021

University of California, Merced - Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity

Recruitment Chair Fall 2021

Publicity Chair Fall 2020

University of California, Merced - UC Merced Ignite Chapter

President Fall 2021 - Spring 2022

Vice President Fall 2020 - Spring 2021

Secretary Fall 2019 - Spring 2020

University of California, Merced - Valley Terraces Community Council

Director of Communications

Fall 2019 - Spring 2020

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Phi Mu Fraternity

Spring 2021 - Spring 2022

Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity

Spring 2020 - Spring 2022

California Sociological Association

2020 - Present

American Sociology Association

2018 - Present

Section Membership: Environmental Sociology, International Migration, Latina/o Sociology

Pacific Sociological Association

2018 - Present

GRANTS & AWARDS

California State University, Office of the Chancellor

Fall 2023 - Spring 2024

Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholarship - \$5,000

Segal Education Award

June 2023

\$4,546,50 Funded by the Corporation of National and Community Service

AmeriCorps Fellowship Award

November 2022 - June 2023

\$19,580.95 Funded by the Corporation of National and Community Service

California State University, Fullerton, Project upGrads

Summer 2022

Master's Early Transition & Access Summer Bridge Program (META)

University of California, Merced, UROC-H

Spring 2022

Academic Research Award - \$660 Funded by the Andrew Mellon Foundation

University of California, Merced, Office of Sustainability

Spring 2022

Environmental Justice Advocate & Sustainability Champion Award

University of California, Merced, Chancellor's Honor List

Spring 2022

University of California, Merced, UROC-H

Fall 2021

Academic Research Award - \$2,000 Funded by the Andrew Mellon Foundation

University of California, Merced, Dean's Honor List

Fall 2021

University of California, Merced, SOAR Academic Research Award - \$3,500 Funded by the Andrew Mellon Foundation	Summer 2021
University of California, Merced, UROC-H Academic Research Award - \$2,000 Funded by the Andrew Mellon Foundation	Spring 2021
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Northern California NorCal Emerging Leaders Institute Fellowship Award - \$500	Spring 2021
University of California, Merced, UROC-H Academic Research Award - \$2,000 Funded by the Andrew Mellon Foundation	Fall 2020
Students for Prop 16 Student Representative Award - \$1,000	Fall 2020
University of California, Merced, UROC-H Summer Research Award - \$3,500 Funded by the Andrew Mellon Foundation	Spring 2019
University of California, Merced, Dean's Honor List	Fall 2019
<u>COMMUNITY SERVICE</u>	
Reading Partners, Americorps 2nd/3rd Grade Literacy Tutor & Program Coordinator, Pasadena, CA	November 2022 - June 2023
Step Up Tutoring 3rd Grade Literacy Tutor, Remote	January 2022 - July 2022
Yes on Prop 16 Campaign: Central Rally in the Valley Student Panelist, Merced, CA	September 2020
El Capitan High School, Avid Program Student Panelist, Merced, CA	April 2021
99 Rootz: Yes on Prop 15 Campaign Spanish Phone Banker, Merced, CA	October 2020
Central Rally in the Valley: Yes on Prop 16 Campaign Student Panelist, Merced, CA	September 2020

TJ Cox for Congress Campaign
Spanish Phone Banker, Merced, CA

August 2020 - October 2020

LANGUAGE

Spanish (fluent written and spoken)

REFERENCES

Christopher Gibson, Ph.D.

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