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## Education

- May 2024 **Harvard Law School**, *J.D. (in progress)*  
Sept. 2021 **Princeton University**, *M.A. Computer Science*  
May 2020 **University of Texas at Austin**, *B.S. Computer Science & B.S. Mathematics (Turing Scholar)*  
May 2016 **Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST)**

## Work Experience

- Summer 2023 **Alaska Public Defender: Criminal Division**, *Legal Intern*, Anchorage, AK  
• Will zealously represent clients throughout their trials and appeals
- Summer 2022 **Legal Aid Society of NY: Prisoners' Rights Project**, *Legal Intern*, New York City, NY  
• Drafted an originalist memo on how the drafters of the New York state constitution's cruel and unusual punishment provision rejected the practice of solitary confinement around 1846; memo supported an ongoing lawsuit based on the new Humane Alternatives to Long Term (HALT) Solitary Confinement legislation  
• Drafted a procedural memo on using Fed. Rule of Civ. Proc. 60(b)(5) to extend the court-ordered monitorship of educational services provided in NY city jails like Rikers in light of violations during COVID-19  
• Drafted an urgent memo during a lockdown at Great Meadows Correctional Facility on violations of minimum mail, shower, and meal requirements for inmates mandated by the NY Codes, Rules, and Regulations  
• Advocated for four clients on their mistreatment in state prisons; their issues included prescription medication, reasonable accommodations for blindness, epileptic seizure consequences, and LGBTQ+ safety concerns
- Summer 2021 **New Mexico Public Defender: Felony Trial Division**, *Legal Intern*, Albuquerque, NM  
• Worked under 11 attorneys for 19 clients on research/writing, direct client work, trial prep, and doc review  
• Drafted a motion to suppress, a memo on Miranda waiver validity while intoxicated, and a memo on a double jeopardy challenge to firearm enhancements; cite checked, proofread, and edited other pieces  
• Assisted heavily in preparation for jury trial of one client accused of murder (found not guilty on all counts)  
• Reviewed police lapel videos, client criminal histories, evidence, depositions, and other discovery documents
- 2020-2021 **Princeton Center for Information Technology Policy**, *Research Assistant*, Princeton, NJ  
• Quantitatively measured spread of viral far-right extremist content across multiple online platforms

## Activities

- 2023 **Ames Moot Court Competition**, *Semifinalist*, Top 4 of 53 teams
- 2022-2023 **Harvard Defenders**, *Student Attorney*, Represented three clients in show-cause hearings
- 2022-2023 **Harvard South Asian Law Students Association (SALSA)**, *VP of Community Engagement*
- 2023-2024 **The Appellate Project**, *Mentee*, Mentored by Athul Acharya and Haley Licha

## Journals and Publications

- Fall 2023 **Harvard National Security Journal**, *Volume 14 (Central Bank Digital Currencies)*, Subciter
- Spring 2022 **Harvard Journal of Law and Gender**, *Volume 45 (Eliminating 'Built-In Headwinds')*, Subciter
- Jan. 2021 **Defund the Police After the Jan. 6th Coup Attempt**, *The Daily Princetonian*, [Rushi Shah](#)
- March 2020 **TX Felon Disenfranchisement Enables Institutional Racism**, *The Daily Texan*, [Rushi Shah](#)

## Selected Coursework

- Spring 2023 **Evidence**, *Harvard Law School*, Professor Rubin
- Fall 2022 **Administrative Law**, *Harvard Law School*, Professor Freeman
- Fall 2022 **Criminal Procedure: Investigations**, *Harvard Law School*, Professor Crespo