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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)*

## Work Experience

- 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 due to violations during the COVID-19 pandemic
  - 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 access to prescription medication for nerve damage, access to reasonable accommodations for a severe visual impairment, inappropriate disciplinary tickets issued during an epileptic seizure, and LGBTQ+ safety concerns
- Spring 2022 **Harvard Defenders**, *Student Attorney*, Cambridge, MA
- onwards • Represented clients to challenge the probable cause determination before charges are issued against them
- Summer 2021 **New Mexico Public Defender's Office: Felony 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 double jeopardy challenge to firearm enhancement; cite checked, proofread, and edited other pieces
  - Discussed cases with clients over video, in person at the office, and at the jail; visited a murder scene
  - 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, discovery, depositions, and other docs

## Publications

- Jan. 2021 **Defund the Police After the Jan. 6th Coup Attempt**, [Rushi Shah](#), *The Daily Princetonian*  
March 2020 **TX Felon Disenfranchisement Enables Institutional Racism**, [Rushi Shah](#), *The Daily Texan*

## Organizations

- 2022-2023 **Harvard South Asian Law Students Association (SALSA)**, *VP of Community Engagement*  
Spring 2022 **Harvard Journal of Law and Gender**, *Subcite participant*  
2020-2021 **Princeton Students for Prison Education, Abolition, and Reform (SPEAR)**

## Selected Coursework

- Spring 2023 **Evidence**, *Harvard Law School*, Prof. Rubin  
Jan. 2023 **Trial Advocacy Workshop**, *Harvard Law School*, Prof. Sullivan  
Fall 2022 **Criminal Procedure: Investigations**, *Harvard Law School*, Prof. Crespo  
Spring 2021 **Policing, Militarization, and Policy**, *Princeton School of Public & Int'l Affairs*, Prof. Ralph

## Languages

Native: English, Gujarati  
Conversational: French, Spanish