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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 Aacharya 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*, <u>Rushi Shah</u>
March 2020	**TX Felon Disenfranchisement Enables Institutional Racism**, *The Daily Texan*, <u>Rushi Shah</u>

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