

# Amy Zhao

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## OBJECTIVE

To pursue the Pledgemaster position of Alpha Phi Omega – Alpha Kappa Chapter

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### USC Cultural Relations and University Events

Los Angeles, CA

#### Trojan Family Weekend Student Worker

June 2016 – Oct 2016

- Assisted in planning and development of Trojan Family Weekend 2016
- Coordinated programming for the weekend
- Maintained communication between various departments and Trojan Family Weekend office

### Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles

Los Angeles, CA

#### Asian Pacific Islander Services Intern

Feb 2016 – April 2016

- Participates in outreach to the local API community
- Translates materials and resources into Mandarin Chinese
- Provide presentations to local classes, community centers, medical centers, and health fairs
- Conduct research on the effects Alzheimer's and dementia in the API community

### USC Brain and Creativity Institute

Los Angeles, CA

#### Research Assistant

March 2014 – Present

- Investigating the relationship between vagal tone and expressivity between East Asian and Hispanic cultural groups (Project lead)
  - Presented poster as first author at IMBES 2016
- Mentoring high school interns and new undergraduate research assistants.
- Independently analyzing psychophysiological data using AcqKnowledge, MATLAB, and SPSS Statistics
- Developing coding system for expressive behavior seen in interview videos

### Trojan Family Weekend

Los Angeles, CA

#### SCamp Coordinator

Aug 2015 – Nov 2015

- Coordinated SCamp, an afternoon-long camp for Trojan siblings ages 10-15 during Trojan Family Weekend.
- Coordinated volunteers and campers in activities that I created and planned.
- Communicated between volunteers, campers, and parents to ensure safety

### Starlight Children's Foundation

Los Angeles, CA

#### Development Intern

June 2015 – Aug 2015

- Assist with database management
- Conduct in-depth research and evaluations on prospective corporate donors
- Develop sales materials and presentations
- Draft and edit written correspondence, proposals and reports
- Assist with daily administrative duties

### UCLA Oral Pathology

Los Angeles, CA

#### Laboratory Assistant

Summer 2013

- Transcribed patient records, gross descriptions, and microscopic descriptions
- Photographed micrographs of patient samples

### Los Robles Hospital

Westlake Village, CA

#### Volunteer

Feb 2012 – Aug 2013

- Acted as stand-in pharmacy technician and nursing coordinator
- Interacted with patients, family members, and staff

### Silverado Hospital

Calabasas, CA

#### Music Volunteer

Jan 2012 – Aug 2013

- Played piano, clarinet, and sang for patients who had Alzheimer's and other dementia-related illnesses and their families and friends
- Provided companionship for hospice patients

### Projects Abroad – Nepal

Chitwan, Nepal

#### Volunteer

Aug 2012

- Shadowed doctors and interacted with patients in four hospitals around Chitwan

### i-to-i Volunteering – Xian

Xian, China

#### Volunteer

July 2012

- Assisted in the education of children with autism and other developmental disabilities from rural areas

**UCLA School of Dentistry  
Research Assistant**

Los Angeles, CA  
June 2012 – July 2012

- Assisted Dr. Shen Hu in investigating SOX9's effects on oral cancer
- Conducted a literature review and assisted in the experiment

**LEADERSHIP**

**USC Pre-Occupational Therapy Club  
President (2016-2017)  
Historian (2015-2016)**

Los Angeles, CA  
Aug 2015 – Present

**Oak Park High School Science Olympiad  
President and Founder (2010 – 2013)**

Oak Park, CA  
2010 – 2013

- Founded Science Olympiad on campus and lead the team for three years
- Ranked 16<sup>th</sup> (as a school) out of 43 schools at the 2012 Los Angeles County Regional Science Olympiad

**Oak Park High School Girls' Varsity Tennis  
Team Captain**

Oak Park, CA  
Aug 2012 – Dec 2012

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Alpha Phi Omega – Alpha Kappa  
VP of Service (Fall 2016)**

Los Angeles, CA  
Sept 2014 – Present

- Active member of the nation's premier service fraternity
- Achieved most service hours during Fall 2014 semester
- Served as pledge secretary during Fall 2014 semester
- Serving as VP of Service during Fall 2016 semester

**West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Medical Center  
Occupational Therapy Volunteer**

Los Angeles, CA  
May 2016 – Aug 2016

- Assists occupational therapists with day-to-day tasks

**Child Development Institute  
Occupational Therapy Volunteer**

Woodland Hills, CA  
May 2016 – Aug 2016

- Assists occupational therapists with day-to-day tasks

**Kid City Hope Place  
College Mentor**

Los Angeles, CA  
Aug 2015 – June 2016

- Mentoring a first-generation low-income high school student in the college application process
- Reading and critiquing essays and personal statements
- Guiding and offering advice in navigating the college application process
- Mentee is going to UC Berkeley with a Regent's scholarship. She was also accepted into UCLA, USC, Harvard, and Brown

**USC Joint Educational Program  
Special Needs Teaching Volunteer**

Los Angeles, CA  
Sept 2015 – Nov 2015

- Assisted in teaching children with special needs math, reading, writing, and motor skills at John W. Mack Elementary School

**EDUCATION**

**University of Southern California  
Keck School of Medicine  
Bachelor of Science, Global Health  
Minor, Occupational Science  
GPA: 3.73**

Los Angeles, CA  
Expected: May 2017

**King's College London, Health and Society (Study Abroad)**

London, United Kingdom  
Jan 2015 – June 2015

- Selected from a competitive pool of study abroad students for the programme
- Shadowed doctors in the London area

**HONORS**

- **USC Presidential Scholarship (Half-Tuition), 2013 – 2017**
- **USC APAA Scholarship (Dr. and Mrs. Brandon and Wendy Lew Scholarship), 2016-2017**
- **Participation in USC Undergraduate Symposium for Scholarly and Creative Work, 2016**
- **USC Keck School of Medicine Dean's List, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Fall 2015**
- **USC Gateway Internship 'Pay It Forward' Stipend Recipient, 2015**
- **"Down the Rabbit Hole" Thematic Option Conference, 2014**

## **RESEARCH**

- Zhao, A., Yang, X. F., Gotlieb, R., Santana, M., & Immordino-Yang, M. H. (2016, September). *Cultural identity, emotional home life, and vagal tone additively influence bicultural immigrant adolescents' emotional expressiveness* Poster presented at 2016 International Mind, Brain and Education Society Conference, Toronto, ON.

## **RESEARCH GRANTS**

- USC Provost's Research Fellowship, Spring 2016
- USC SOAR Grant, 2014 – 2015

**REFERENCES: Available Upon Request**