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EDUCATION

Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

*Master of Public Health, Sociomedical Sciences
Certificate in Applied Biostatistics*

New York, NY

September 2018 – May 2020

New York University

*Bachelor of Arts, Psychology
Minors: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Studies, Anthropology*

New York, NY

May 2017

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH), Bureau of HIV

H RTP Intern

New York, NY

June 2019 – Present

- Utilizing SAS statistical software to analyze claims data from Medicaid and HIV data reported to the NYC DOHMH
- Assisting in conceptualizing an analysis on HIV viral suppression comparing transgender people who receive gender-affirming healthcare to non-transgender populations living with HIV
- Conducting a literature review on types of stigma that have been identified as priority areas, including HIV-related stigma, homophobia, transphobia, sexism, and racism

The Community Health Advisory & Information Network (CHAIN)

Graduate Research Assistant

New York, NY

January 2019 – August 2019

- Performing quantitative data analysis and interpretation in an ongoing cohort study of persons living with HIV/AIDS in New York City and the Tri-County region, in collaboration with NYC DOHMH
- Writing reports and presentations that respond to the questions, interests, and priorities of the HIV Planning Council, advising policy and funding decisions, as supported by grants from the Ryan White HIV Treatment Extension Act
- Processing systematic survey data from the perspective of persons living with HIV about their needs for health and human services, their encounters with the full continuum of HIV services, and their physical, mental and social wellbeing

Phoenix House

Communications Intern

New York, NY

October 2017 – March 2018

- Compiled materials through research on substance abuse to inform communications and marketing materials
- Built an online and offline audience through media tracking, content creation, and social media monitoring
- Created and curating content for the nation-wide internal communications platform, The Well

New York University, Psychology Department

Research Assistant

New York, NY

April 2016 - August 2016

- Conducted eye-tracking and electrodermal activity assessments for a computerized social psychology experiment
- Investigated the perceptions and attitudes of young Black males toward members of the police force
- Completed additional administrative and research-related tasks as assigned by the principal investigator

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Students for a National Health Program | Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

Vice President of External Relations

New York, NY

December 2018 - Present

Women 4 Women | Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

Vice President of Programming

New York, NY

December 2018 - Present

SKILLS

- **Languages:** English, Mandarin Chinese
- **Programming Languages:** R, SAS, SPSS