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EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Community Development and Planning

Clark University, Worcester, MA

Bachelor of Arts in International Development and Geography

August 2020 - May 2024

Expected: May 2025

Clark University, Worcester, MA

Honors: Cum laude, Gamma Theta Upsilon

Relevant Coursework: Community Development Studio, Planning and Zoning, Community Development Finance, Policy Analysis

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Food Pantry Student Assistant

February 2022 - Present

Jeremiah's Inn, Worcester, MA

- Assess the needs of pantry customers through engagement
- Facilitate a connection with the campus community

YouthConnect Summer Counselor

June 2024 – August 2024

YMCA, Worcester, MA

- Organized activities for teenaged youth in a drop-in setting
- Ensured youth safety during program activities

WooLabs Hanover Fellow

September 2023 – May 2024

Worcester Education Collaborative, Worcester, MA

- Created a project-based learning curriculum to implement in an elementary after-school program
- Tracked attendance and student participation

Leadership Institute Fellow

June 2023 – August 2023

New Roots Institute, Remote

- Utilized advocacy skills through self-designed projects, such as lessons and campaigns
- Created databases of contacts and allies for advocacy

PROJECTS

Affordable Housing Development Competition

February 2025 - Present

Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, MA

- Lead the community engagement team in research and creating an outreach plan
- Develop a pro forma and financing strategy

SKILLS

GIS Software: Esri ArcGIS, QGIS

Programming: R (Intermediate), Python (Intermediate), SQL (Basic)