

# Jenesis Merriman

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## EDUCATION

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### Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

Master of Public Health (MPH), Sociomedical Sciences, expected May 2023

- *Awards:* Community Scholars Fellowship, Mailman Public Health Scholarship, The Tang Scholarship

University of California at Berkeley | Bachelor of Arts in Public Health, May 2020

- *Awards:* Cal Pride Scholarship Award, The Leadership Award

## EXPERIENCE

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### Columbia University Spatial Epidemiology Lab

February 2022 – Current

*Research Assistant | New York, NY*

- Assist in the implementation of the TURNNT study, investigating challenges and factors that affect trans women of color
- Coordinate and conduct qualitative interviews and follow-up with study participants

### Design Research Intern

June 2022 – August 2022

*Public Policy Lab | New York, NY*

- Conduct desk research supporting projects for the United States Digital Service and NYC Department of Parole
- Help plan and facilitate workshops to synthesize research findings with strategic partners across the country
- Conduct interviews with research participants

### San Francisco Public Health Foundation, LGBTQ Minus Tobacco

August 2020 – June 2021

*Community Health Outreach Worker (CHOW) | San Francisco, CA*

- Recruited and managed 3 Community Advocate Teams (CATs) of LGBTQ community members in different Bay Area cities
- Managed weekly posts on all social media platforms, tracked data analytics, and created health communication materials
- Created and executed over 50 educational presentations on tobacco industry targeting of vulnerable LGBTQ communities
- Drafted model tobacco retail policies and smoke-free bar policies for the cities of Concord, Vallejo, San Francisco, and Oakland

### Berkeley Student Cooperative (BSC)

August 2019 – January 2020

*Health Worker Coordinator | Berkeley, CA*

- Managed the BSC's Health Worker Program by training, supervising, and supporting over 20 student health workers
- Coordinated and facilitated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and mental health hygiene trainings for health workers
- Coordinated and conducted progress interviews with health workers and processed payments and reimbursements

### Columbia University Harlem Prevention Center (ICAP)

May 2019 - July 2019

*Summer Research Intern | New York, NY*

- Assisted in the implementation of clinical HIV prevention research among transgender women and MSM in New York City
- Recruited over 50 potential study participants for screening through community outreach and events
- Managed all social media accounts and tracked data analytics, increasing user engagement by over 8000%
- Drafted and presented recommendations for leveraging social media for HIV prevention efforts

### UC Berkeley Gender Equity Resource Center

May 2017 – May 2019

*Program Coordinator, Queer Cal Pals Program | Berkeley, CA*

- Re-founded the Queer Cal Pals mentorship program for LGBTQ+ undergraduate students at Cal
- Collaborated with health care providers to develop curriculum to train over 40 peer counselors
- Coordinated and facilitated over 15 community retreats, trainings, seminars, and community events
- Managed over \$20,000 of funding, including budgeting, reporting, record keeping, vendor payment, and travel
- Secured \$31,000 of additional grant funding to expand the program to the graduate level

## LEADERSHIP

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### CDC Summer Public Health Scholars Program

May 2019 – August 2019

Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons | New York, NY

- Selected out of 1300+ applicants to enter an incoming cohort of 50 scholars

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- Attended graduate-level seminars, received faculty mentorship, participated in an internship, and conducted independent research
- Presented research project “Informed Initiatives: Drivers of HIV Among Transgender Women in the U.S.” at CDC headquarters
- Received the *CDC's Williams-Hutchins Health Equity 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award* for my project

Other:

## UC Berkeley University Health Services (UHS)

August 2018 - May 2019

*Health Educator, Health, Unity, and Belonging (HUB) Program / Berkeley, CA*

- Worked as a liaison between the campus medical center and the transgender student community at UC Berkeley
- Drafted and distributed bi-weekly resources and health tips for trans community members
- Connected community members to trans health care and health services
- Designed and facilitated “Transgender Cultural Humility” trainings for students, staff, and faculty

recruitment of participants, scheduling interviews with participants, screening and interviewing participants over the phone and ZoomPro, processing subject payments, sending data to transcriptionists, checking transcripts for accuracy, data analyses.

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