

Kai Nham

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Education

University of California, Los Angeles
Ph.D. in Information Studies

September 2021 – Present

University of California, Berkeley
Master of Information and Data Science

August 2019 – May 2021

University of California, Berkeley
B.A. with High Honors in Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies

August 2015 – August 2019

Research Experience

Research Experience for Master's Students Fellow

June 2021 – Present

University of Michigan School of Information

Project: "Trans Technologies' Current Landscape and Potential Futures: Trans Tech Creators' Perspectives"

Advisor: Dr. Oliver Haimson

Asian American Studies and Asian Diaspora Studies Honors Thesis

August 2018 – May 2019

University of California, Berkeley

Project: "*Transpiration*: the Making of Asian American Transmasculinity"

Advisor: Dr. Lisa Hirai-Tsuchitani

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant

Summer 2021

University of California, Berkeley

DATASCI W231: Behind the Data: Human and Values

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2021

University of California, Berkeley

DATASCI W231: Behind the Data: Human and Values

Professional Experience

Program Manager

May 2019 – May 2021

Creative Discovery Fellows – UC Berkeley American Cultures Center

Berkeley, CA

- Managed four undergraduate students in developing student resources hub for navigating and using tools,

such as the Adobe Suite, and scaffolding the creative process for creating different multimedia projects, such as podcasts and infographics.

- Developed a robust process-oriented social justice pedagogy curriculum for instructors and designed a Canvas site to host it on.
- Oversaw assignment design for four UC Berkeley faculty, including implementing their assignment visions, incorporating assignment scaffolding throughout the course, & developing assessment rubrics.

Lead Data Analysis Consultant

March 2020 – May 2020

Stop AAPI Hate Center

San Francisco, CA

- Developed Python scripts to run analyses of reported hate incident data by time frame, ethnicity, and location.
- Generated 19 reports with data visualizations for key decision makers, including California Governor Gavin Newsom's office, the New York Human Rights Commission, and the Oakland Unified School District Board of Education.
- Trained eight undergraduate and graduate student volunteers on data cleansing and presentation processes.

Research Analyst

February 2019 – February 2020

UC Berkeley Asian American and Pacific Islander Standing Committee

Berkeley, CA

- Analyzed both aggregated and disaggregated data about UC Berkeley's Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) student population using Python.
- Drafted a data findings report for the committee and the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Equity and Inclusion which served as a basis for identifying its priorities.

Seeding Change Fellow

June 2018 – August 2018

Chinese Progressive Association – San Francisco

San Francisco, CA

- Planned the College Circle panel, which included 3 college students, and facilitated conversations between youth and college students about higher education.
- Co-created curriculum for Asian Americans and mental health workshop.
- Planned five hour long program graduation and fun day for 42 youth.
- Supported Arts & Logistics youth committee in planning art builds, creating imagery and messaging, and creating a safety plan for their mental health campaign launch.
- Facilitated ice breakers and small group discussions during workshops.

Community Advocacy Program Mentor

August 2017 – May 2018

Asian Pacific American Student Development Office

Berkeley, CA

- Developed curricula for biweekly cohort meetings, including workshops on community building, political education on Asian American and Pacific Islander community issues, and community organizing skills.
- Facilitated biweekly cohort meetings for 13 Asian American and Pacific Islander students.
- Mentored 13 Asian American and Pacific Islander students in advocacy, political issues, and community organizing through one-on-one and group check-ins.

AAPI Civic Engagement Project Student Lead Coordinator

August 2016 – May 2018

Asian Pacific American Student Development Office

Berkeley, CA

- Researched major policies and candidates on the ballot with specific attention to their impact on and significance to Asian American and Pacific Islander communities.
- Outreached to local Asian American and Pacific Islander organizations in the Bay Area and on-campus student organizations to register and educate voters.

- Trained community leaders on how to engage in dialogues about civic engagement and 2016 ballot measures.
- Created social media campaigns to mobilize voters, including designing graphics for both social media and print distribution.

Legislative Intern

California State Assembly – Assemblymember Tony Thurmond

June 2017 – August 2017

Sacramento, CA

- Co-staffed AB 254 by writing fact sheets, gathering support for the bill, holding meetings with stakeholders, and doing vote counts in committees and on the floor.
- Analyzed data on race, income, geographic location, etc. in order to make informed and equitable vote recommendations about the impact of proposed legislation on Assembly District 15 communities.

Cal-in-Sacramento Student Director

Matsui Center

July 2016 – August 2017

Berkeley, CA

- Served as the teaching assistant for Political Science 110B, a two-unit course designed to teach students about California politics and their internship in Sacramento.
- Developed and helped manage a comprehensive outreach strategy to recruit 2016-2017 Cal-in-Sacramento Fellowship applicants, which included specific outreach efforts to underserved students.
- Reviewed applications, interviewed, and selected approximately 30 Cal-in-Sacramento Fellows.
- Organized networking and social events for the Cal-in-Sacramento Fellows
- Served as the liaison between the Matsui Center and the Cal-in-Sacramento Fellows.

Legislative Intern

California State Assembly – Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas

June 2016 – August 2016

Sacramento, CA

- Drafted memorandums for the Legislative Director and Assemblymember about the background, support, and opposition of controversial legislation.
- Held and summarized meetings with various lobbyists and advocates for the Assemblymember.
- Drafted and edited the Assemblymember's statements and talking points.
- Tracked support and opposition to legislation by constituents.
- Responded to constituent mail and messages regarding legislation and cases.

Publications

Ikeda, Ryan, **Kai Nham**, Laura Armstrong, Fiona Diec, Nicole Kim, Douglas Parada, Diana Sanchez, Kelly Zhen, and Victoria Robinson. "Designing for Liberation: A Case Study in Antiracism Instructional Design." *The Journal of Applied Instructional Design* 10, no. 4 (2021). https://edtechbooks.org/jaid_10_4/designing_for_libera.

Nham, Kai. "Jumping into the River of Justice." In *Power of the People Won't Stop: Legacy of the TWLF at UC Berkeley*, edited by Harvey Dong and Janie Chen. Berkeley, CA: Eastwind Books of Berkeley, 2020.

Public Scholarship

Gilmore, Anthony and **Kai Nham**. "The Third World Liberation Front." *The Berkeley Revolution*, 11 May 2018, <http://revolution.berkeley.edu/projects/twlf/>.

Presentations

Nham, Kai. “Data Captures.” Chinese Progressive Association – San Francisco. Online. August 18, 2020.

Dong, Harvey, **Kai Nham**, and Nkauj lab Yang. “Mountain Movers: Student Activism and the Emergence of Asian American Studies.” University of California, Berkeley Ethnic Studies Library. Berkeley, CA. October 25, 2019.

Nham, Kai. “Whose University? 50th Anniversary of TWLF Exhibit Reception.” University of California, Berkeley Ethnic Studies Library. Berkeley, CA. April 24, 2019.

Service

Seeding Change Fellow	June 2018 – August 2018
Chinese Progressive Association – San Francisco	San Francisco, CA

Community Advocacy Program Mentor	August 2017 – May 2018
Asian Pacific American Student Development Office	Berkeley, CA

AAPI Civic Engagement Project Student Lead Coordinator	August 2016 – May 2018
Asian Pacific American Student Development Office	Berkeley, CA

Awards & Fellowships

5th Year Master of Information and Data Science Fellowship	August 2019
UC Chinese Alumni Foundation – Chinese Chapter Merit Scholarship	August 2018
UC Berkeley Leadership Award	January 2017
Cal-in-Sacramento Fellowship	June 2016, June 2017