

## Kimia Faroughi

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### EDUCATION

**MPH in Epidemiology**, Certificate: Applied Biostatistics and Public Health Data Science Expected May 2026  
Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

- GPA: 4.13

**Bachelor of Science in Biology**, Minor in Biomedical Research, Minor in Public Health Graduated 2024  
University of California, Los Angeles

- GPA: 3.95; Honors: Cum Laude, Departmental Honors, Dean's Honor List

### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### Columbia-WHO Center for Global Mental Health

*Research Assistant*

September 2025 – Present

#### **Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health**

*Quantitative Foundations Teaching Assistant*

August 2025 – Present

#### Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)

*Migration and Health Research Intern, CDMX, México*

May – August 2025

- Conducted literature reviews and composed written briefs on: (1) the state of sexual and reproductive health among migrants in Latin America, (2) the state of Indigenous Mayan health in Guatemala
- Completed data analysis using R on data from MSF's project clinics and data visualization/mapping using Excel and QGIS on publicly available data in México, which may inform future operational proposals within MSF
- Supported on other data analysis tasks using SAS
- Successfully navigated a primarily Spanish-speaking humanitarian INGO work environment in office and fieldwork settings

#### The Lloyd-Smith Lab at UCLA

*Undergraduate Student Researcher*

May 2022-June 2024

- Conducted 4 quarters of independent research, culminating in an epidemiology research paper with novel findings analyzing risk factors for fecal pathogens in Los Angeles mammals
- Presented findings at [UCLA's 2024 Undergraduate Research Week](#)
- Accurately followed research protocols in laboratory environment; assisted in weekly coyote necropsies, conducted internal and external exams of the animals, handled laboratory equipment
- Wrote a senior thesis comprised of all the work done for various projects in the lab, findings, and implications for future research

*Undergraduate Lab Manager for LA Mammals Project*

September 2023-May 2024

- Scheduled shifts for 6 other undergraduate researchers and oversaw lab access, including laboratory specimen access to ensure timely access to materials

### LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

#### The Middle Eastern Student Association (MESA) at UCLA

*Co-President*

Summer 2023-June 2024

- Lead a board of 13 members and a general body of over 500 members, ran weekly meetings, created event ideas for the Middle Eastern student community at UCLA, delegated tasks among board members, collaborated on events or fundraising initiatives with other student groups, and navigated a sponsorship with local business Falafel Inc.
- Raised over \$30,000 for various relief organizations that uplift communities in the Middle East, including over \$22,000 for the Palestine Children's Relief Fund, over \$500 for ANERA, and an art auction to fundraise for families in Gaza

*Advocacy Chair*

Summer 2022-Summer 2023

- Organized events for the UCLA Middle Eastern student population on stigmatized topics of conversation in Middle Eastern communities
- Coordinated a fundraiser and clothing drive for victims of the Turkey-Syria earthquake in 2023, raised over \$2,000 for relief plus many clothing donations

#### *Social Media Chair*

Summer 2021-Summer 2022

- Managed the Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, GroupMe, and email of MESA
- Posted 1-2 times a week to an audience of over 800 followers, answering questions, and marketing MESA events, increasing engagement and reach

#### **FEM Newsmagazine at UCLA**

##### *Politics Section Editor*

Summer 2022-June 2024

- Oversaw a section of 15-20 people, coordinated meeting times, lead weekly meetings, trained editors and writers, facilitated writers in brainstorming articles that seek to center marginalized voices
- Scheduled edits for/edited one article per week, coordinated with designers to create art for articles
- Participated in volunteer events and fundraising, such as beach cleanups, clothing drives, food drives, etc.

##### *Politics Content Editor*

Fall 2020-Summer 2022

- Content edited around one article a week; participated in weekly meetings, volunteer events, etc.
- Wrote one article for the [Winter 2021 Disconnection Issue](#)

##### *Social Media Manager*

Spring 2022

- Managed Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, and Twitter, posted multiple times a week for 10,000+ followers
- Produced TikTok videos to promote FEM's writing and creative work on social media
- Significantly expanded social media presence and increased interactions with content on social media

#### **Speak Out for Surgery at UCLA**

Fall 2020-Spring 2022

##### *Media Advocacy and External Outreach Committees*

- Informed over 100 Los Angeles high schoolers of the medical resources they have access to and how to navigate the healthcare system through a health literacy presentation
- Composed a COVID-19 resources module to improve high schoolers' knowledge of COVID-19 resources as well as food pantries and community fridges
- Interviewed medical health professionals for podcast on urgent public health topics of today

### **ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### **Aritzia, Boutique Associate**

Summer 2022

- Facilitated store operations, shipping/receiving merchandise, fitting room operations
- Provided high-quality customer service, ensuring satisfaction and access to correct merchandise

#### **The UPS Store, Sales Associate**

Summer 2020-Summer 2021

- Facilitated customers with returning packages, printing copies, using computers, checking their mailboxes, and other forms of retail customer service

#### **Ohlone College, Spanish Tutor**

Fall 2019-Spring 2020

- Tutored college level Spanish, worked closely with the professor and students on a weekly basis through in class tutoring, as well as one-on-one and group study sessions
- Navigated switch to remote learning in Spring 2020, became familiarized with using Canvas on instructor view

### **VOLUNTEER WORK**

#### **Volunteer for Word Up Bookstore**

March 2025 – present

- Helping with bookstore operations, including shelving books, running the register, arranging displays, and other tasks, and community events

### **ACHIEVEMENTS/AWARDS**

Alsion Montessori High School Class of 2020 Valedictorian

2020

Ohlone College Outstanding Student in Spanish Award

2020

### **RELEVANT SKILLS**

- Programming Languages: R, SAS, STATA, C++; Data analysis and visualization
- Data mapping and visualization: QGIS
- Proficient in MS Excel, PowerPoint, Canva
- Social media management: Instagram, TikTok, Twitter/X, Facebook, GroupMe
- Languages: Fluent Persian, Intermediate Spanish, Beginner French