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EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Barbara, Goleta, CA Sept. 2024
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Global Studies with a Minor in Earth Science, Phi Beta Kappa GPA: 3.96

SELECTED VOLUNTEER & WORK EXPERIENCE

Internet Archive, San Francisco, CA Sept 2025 – Present
Intern (10 hours / week)

- Maintain records of Internet Archive mentions in a shared database. Involved in preliminary endeavors for new initiative examining removed or altered US Government web content

Outside PR, Sausalito, CA June 2025 – Present
Account Executive (40 hours / week)

- Drive earned-media campaigns for Cotopaxi, Diadora, Berghaus and other outdoor brands, securing multiple placements per launch and holding a 30 % pitch-open rate. Built a Python + Google Sheets pipeline that cut weekly reporting time by 40 %

Rhode Island Computer Museum, Warwick, RI Oct 2024 – July 2025
Archival and Research Fellow (15 hours / week)

- Developed and maintained a detailed spreadsheet-based digital catalog for a 100,000 sq ft collection of computer technologies. Secured Rhode Island Humanities \$2K grant to spearhead a digital preservation project, developed an interpretive website chronicling the history of data storage

91.9 KCSB FM, Goleta, CA June 2021 – August 2024
Archives Director and Assistant Program Director (25 hours / week)

- Led digital transformation of 24/7 radio station operations, managed team of 100+ programmers
- Architected and deployed the first-ever OMEKA-S digital archive for a college radio station. Led the preservation and digitization of 50+ degrading archives using LAMP stack architecture. Authored technical documentation and integrated UI/UX design and Google Analytics

University of California Regents, Goleta, CA Sept 2022 – June 2024
Global Climate Leadership Undergraduate Representative (10 hours / week)

- Collaborated with 24 stakeholders to launch a climate communication platform, reaching over 200,000 students across 9 campuses

SELECTED PROJECTS AND ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- **UCSB Sailing Team Captain, UCSB Sailing, June 2023 - June 2024:** Managed a \$70K team budget and secured \$1M in grants, led a team of 30 athletes to multiple national top 10 finishes
- **Outreach Director, SexInfoOnline.com, Oct 2022 - June 2024:** Led the creation of sexual health content, ensuring adherence to HIPAA and ethical content guidelines. Managed team of content creators

SELECTED RESEARCH

- **Barbareño Chumash Linguistics (Dr. Marianne Mithun), June 2024 - Sept 2024:** Applied computational and linguistic methodologies to transcribe and transliterate over 30 texts, creating a searchable digital corpus for endangered language preservation
- **Feminist Approaches to Pornography (Dr. Mireille Miller-Young), Sept 2023 - Dec 2023:** Examined legal frameworks surrounding freedom of expression and ethical implications of content regulation for policy recommendation
- **Evolution of Repression in 21st Cen. (Dr. Kai Thaler), Mar 2023 - June 2023:** Conducted targeted research (2018–2022) on protest movements and state repression, leading to actionable insights on protest tactics that informed analyses of organizational responses
- **Political Violence Lab (Dr. Andrew Shaver), June 2022 - Aug 2022:** analyzed global political violence data, co-authored a paper examining how media coverage shapes public policy and legal discourse