

# NICOLAS YAN

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## Education

### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

St. Catharine's College, MPhil Candidate in Economic and Social History.

Cambridge, UK

June 2021

### HARVARD UNIVERSITY

A.B., *magna cum laude* with Highest Honors in Social Studies. **GPA:** 3.89/4.00

Cambridge, MA

May 2020

**Awards:** Thomas T. Hoopes Prize (outstanding senior thesis), John Harvard Scholar (top 5% of junior class), Varsity Letterwinner (Men's Heavyweight Crew), 2018 Intercollegiate Rowing Association All-Academic Team.

**Thesis:** "Just Work? Redistribution, Recognition, and the Future of Employment," advised by Professor Danielle Allen.

## Professional Experience

### iPAYED eBANK, N.A.

#### Summer Intern

New York, NY

June 2019 – August 2019

Summer intern at early-stage fintech startup aiming to provide financial services to the 40+ million unbanked and underbanked households in the United States.

- Drafted 58-page Business Plan to supplement the Bank's application to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) for a national banking charter.
- Conducted in-depth market research and created a 20-tab financial model in Excel to forecast market opportunity, customer base, and potential competition.
- Presented portions of the Business Plan and addressed questions and concerns from government regulators during meetings with the OCC and the FDIC in Washington, D.C.

### COMMONWEALTH CORPORATION

#### CPIC-Mindich Summer Fellow

Boston, MA

June 2018 – August 2018

Summer fellowship at quasi-public agency chartered by state of Massachusetts to provide job training and other services to 30,000+ youth, unemployed, and underemployed persons each year.

- Co-authored the 48-page Final Report of Gov. Charlie Baker's Commission on Digital Innovation and Lifelong Learning, *Toward a Massachusetts Ecosystem of Lifelong Learning*, leading to the award of a \$1.014 million grant to Commonwealth Corporation from the Strada Education Network.
- Composed ancillary writing pieces, including 3 white papers on prior learning assessment, competency-based learning, and soft skill development, in collaboration with the CEO & President of Commonwealth Corporation.

### HARVARD COLLEGE WRITING CENTER

#### Writing Tutor

Cambridge, MA

August 2017 – May 2020

- Read, analyze, and provide on-the-spot structural and argumentative recommendations during hour-long conferences for 75+ papers across all academic disciplines each year, with average ~10 minute turnaround time.
- Tutor 2 Senior Thesis-writers each year by providing one-on-one assistance during weekly conferences.

## Leadership and Service

### HARVARD MEN'S VARSITY HEAVYWEIGHT CREW

#### Coxswain

Cambridge, MA

August 2016 – May 2020

- Lead crewmates to perform in high-pressure competitive situations while adapting to variable race conditions.
- Responsible for executing detailed workouts and race plans in collaboration with coaches and team leadership.

### PHILLIPS BROOKS HOUSE ASSOCIATION SUMMER URBAN PROGRAM

#### Senior Counselor, Roxbury Youth Initiative

Roxbury, MA

June 2017 – August 2017

- Led a class of ten 6-year-old students from greater Boston area for a 10-week community-based summer program.
- Facilitated classroom activities and field trips, managing and implementing a self-designed curriculum that integrated math, science, and reading while emphasizing emotional intelligence and social development.

## Skills and Interests

**Technical:** Microsoft Office (PowerPoint, Word, Excel), R, RStudio, Tableau

**Interests:** Running, cycling, skiing, thrift shopping, discovering new music, reading, and playing chess

**Citizenship:** United States, New Zealand, and Taiwan