

Nikolina Zenovic

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PROFILE

- Academic professional passionate about: Inclusivity, Sociocultural and Linguistic Anthropology, Mentorship, Higher Education
- Experienced in Research Design, Proposals & Reports, Qualitative Methodology (Ethnography, Surveys, Interviews); Archival Research, Literature Reviews, CITI Certified – IRB, Participant Recruitment, Analysis (Textual, Coding), Writing, Presentations
- Other Skills: Administration, Project Management, Fundraising, Event Planning, Communication & Outreach, Fiscal Oversight
- Technical Proficiencies: Adobe Suite, Microsoft Office Suite, Database Management, Qualtrics, FileMaker, Canvas
- Languages: Serbian (Advanced); Spanish (Proficient); Modern Greek (Elementary); Translation & Transcription

EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

MA Social Sciences – Anthropology, June 2020

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

BA Anthropology, BA Peace and Conflict Studies, summa cum laude, May 2018

London School of Economics and Political Science, London, England, United Kingdom

Summer School Course: The International Law of War Crimes, August 2017

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Research Assistant, Professor Tara Zahra, History Department, October 2019-June 2020

- Collected and analyzed primary and secondary sources in Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian; Researched literature for multiple papers
- Assisted in designing course for Canvas (learning management system); Collected and uploaded course readings
- Updated citations for forthcoming publication; Secured image permissions

Graduate Researcher, MA Thesis, October 2019-June 2020

- Utilized interpretive methods (interviews and ethnography) to examine language ideologies and Serbian identity in Chicago
- Managed independent research study including IRB proposal and Covid-19 amendments, data collection, and analysis
- Wrote journal quality 40-page thesis

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

Project Cataloguer, Professors Rosemary Joyce and Russell Sheptak, August 2018-June 2019 (FT), September 2016-May 2018 (PT)

- Provided research support; Read/interpreted/transcribed colonial documents in Spanish from *Archivo General de Centroamerica*
- Identified and classified key terms; Catalogued 9000+ document entries; Managed inventory of microfilm reels

Undergraduate Researcher, BA Thesis in Anthropology, August 2017-May 2018

- Ethnographic fieldwork in Belgrade, Serbia and online; Analysis of 23 semi-structured interviews and 21 online survey responses

Undergraduate Researcher, BA Thesis in Peace and Conflict Studies, August 2017-May 2018

- Textual analysis of comments on online articles from Bosnia, Croatia, and Serbia; Hand-coded and Python-coded 800+ comments

Research Apprentice, The Nemea Center for Classical Archaeology, January 2016-May 2019

- Assisted Dr. Kim Shelton in archaeological database management, photo retouching, artifact scanning, and archaeological sketch inking
- Field School Participant, The Nemea Center for Classical Archaeology, June 2016-July 2016*
- Participated in archaeological field school at the Mycenaean Cemetery at Aidonia; Museum work at the Archaeological Museum of Nemea
 - Contributed to excavation, artifact drawing, analysis, conservation, cataloging, and post-field processing of finds

PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Creating Serbian Identity: Language Ideologies of Being Serbian in Chicago, IL.” Paper presented at the MAPSS Virtual Academic Conference, panel on Experiencing In-Betweenness, June 22nd, 2020. (Panel Organizer)
- “The Lasting Impact of the Breakup of Yugoslavia” in *EuropeNow*, June 3rd, 2020. <https://www.europenowjournal.org/2020/06/02/the-lasting-impact-of-the-breakup-of-yugoslavia/>
- “Rethinking Identity and Citizenship in Post-Yugoslav Serbia.” Paper presented at the Council for European Studies 26th International Conference of Europeanists, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Madrid, Spain, June 20th, 2019

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Departmental Highest Honors for BA Thesis in Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, 2018
- Highest Distinction in General Scholarship, University of California, Berkeley, 2018

- Drago and Danica Kosovac Prize for an outstanding work written by a UC Berkeley student on some aspect of Serbian studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2018
- ASUC Academic Opportunity Fund (Anthropology Thesis), University of California, Berkeley, 2018
- Highly Commended Entry, The Undergraduate Awards, 2017
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) for the study of Serbian, University of California, Berkeley, 2016-2017
- ASUC Academic Opportunity Fund (Nemea Field School), University of California, Berkeley, 2016

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE EXPERIENCE

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Committee Member - Graduate Council (Social, Cultural, and Wellness Committee), August 2019- June 2020

- Reviewed funding proposals for social events on campus; Allocated funding based on merit of applications

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

President (2017), Vice President (2018) - Sigma Iota Rho Honor Society for International Studies, August 2017-May 2018

- Led strategic planning sessions to establish goals and priorities for group; Coordinated schedules and facilitated meetings
- Organized information sessions and expert panel sessions for academic and professional development
- Acted as liaison between student organization and administration; Recruited new advisor and new members

Vice President of Alumnae Relations (2016-2017) / Member (2015-2018) - Sigma Kappa Sorority, August 2015-May 2018

- Managed outreach campaigns to alumnae (career development, mentorship, fundraising); Increased annual participation by 50%
- Selected for Sigma Kappa Louise Helen Coburn Award for the best alumnae and collegiate relations program in the nation (2018)

Co-President / Philanthropy Chair / Showcase Coordinator / Internal Treasurer / Social Chair - Danceworx, January 2015-May 2018

- Raised money via fundraising, grants, and other sources; Handled reimbursements, budget applications, and fund management
- Collaborated with other student leaders on-campus; Coordinated social events and final showcase (promotions, logistics, sales)

The Drakulich Firm, San Diego, CA

Office Assistant, June 2014 – December 2014

- Conducted legal research; Maintained Excel spreadsheets; Provided high levels of customer service and reception; Drafted letters and correspondence; Performed outreach to clients

LANGUAGES

- English – Native Proficiency
- Serbian – Advanced Proficiency
- Spanish – Advanced Proficiency
- Greek – Elementary Proficiency

MEMBERSHIPS

- Phi Beta Kappa
- American Anthropological Association
- Council for European Studies