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Profile

- Experienced social researcher, with a focus on American millennials.
- Proven track record of implementing effective institutional change.
- Interests: random acts of kindness, needle-felting, indie films, event planning.

Skills

Ethnography	Field Studies
Diary Studies	Interviewing
Survey Design	Card Sorting
Focus Groups	Presentation

Awards/Honors

Donald S. Pitkin Prize.....2016
\$400 to best Anthropology-Sociology thesis out of 12 honors theses.

Watson Fellowship Finalist....2016
6% admit rate, 4 students selected on strength of research proposal, personal statement, and interview.

Valedictorian.....2012
Rank 1 out of 200+ students.

Wilfred D. Webb Award.....2012
The valedictorian with the strongest commitment to community service.

Mathematics Award.....2012
\$25 to most promising AP Calculus student out of 20 students.

English/Writing Award.....2012
\$25 to AP English student with the best writing skills out of 25 students.

Education

Amherst College (3.74 GPA) *Graduated May 2016*
B.A. in Anthropology, Magna Cum Laude Latin Honors

Danish Institute for Study Abroad *August 2014–May 2015*
Copenhagen, Denmark

- Produced 10-page policy proposal for the Danish government based on my own field studies, interviews, and diary studies.

Work Experience

Gregory S. Call Research Fellow *June–August 2015*
Amherst College

- Wrote concise (1-3 pages) and in-depth (10-15 pages) thesis proposals, granting me faculty support/full funding (\$1500+).

Mellon Initiative Research Fellow *June–August 2014*
University of Chicago

- Conducted qualitative research (ethnography, field studies, interviews, card sorting) on diversity in higher education.
- Presented at the Leadership Alliance National Symposium (350+ undergraduates, 50 grad students, 25 doctoral scholars) and UChicago Research Symposium (20+ scholars).

Resident Counselor (RC) *August 2014–May 2016*
Amherst College Office of Student Affairs

- Designed and issued 10+ surveys with 100% response rate.
- Planned 20+ events with nearly perfect attendance (20-25 students) using my survey data and ethnographic insights.
- Co-founded the RC Council, which successfully advocated for a 30% increase in salary and 150% increase in yearly budget.

Research Assistant *October 2013–May 2014*
Amherst College Residential Life Department

- Recruited 10+ staff/administrators at similar institutions (Williams, Middlebury, etc.) for interviews to evaluate policies.

Research Projects

Millennial Cyborgs (Senior Thesis) *August 2015–May 2016*

- Wrote 110-page thesis on American millennials' use of technology, based on 5+ years of ethnography, field studies, diary studies, and interviews, and 140+ survey responses.
- Received praise from 50+ students, 20+ doctoral scholars, and 10+ business professionals at the Five College Anthropology Conference for my clarity and potential for improving the technology-rich lives of millennials.

Diversity at Amherst College *June–August 2014*

- Met with Amherst College President several times and successfully advocated for 10 new paid staff positions at the resource centers based on my research at UChicago.