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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.