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Education

2020—2022: **Master of Education:** Higher and Postsecondary Education
Arizona State University; In Progress

2017—2020: **Bachelor of Arts:** Anthropology
Arizona State University; 3.95 GPA

2015—2017: **Associate of Arts:** General Studies
General Studies; Coconino Community College; 4.0 GPA

Research Interests

Disability; Accessibility in Higher Education; Sign Language; Deaf culture; Student retention; Student support networks; Non-traditional student experiences; First-generation student experiences; Impacts of peer coaching.

Academic Leadership & Service

2019—2020: **Teaching Assistant:** American Sign Language I
Arizona State University; Hannah Cheloha - Instructor

2019—2020: **Outreach Officer:** No Más Muertes/No More Deaths
Arizona State University Chapter

2016—2017: **Vice President of Leadership**
Beta Gamma Chi; Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society of the Two-Year College

Community Service (Phi Theta Kappa)

09/2016: **Assistant:** Community Beautification Project

10/2016: **Organizer, Coordinator:** Voter Registration Project

10/2016: **Organizer, Coordinator:** Fall Blood Drive

11/2016: **Researcher, Assistant:** Body Image Workshop

12/2016: **Assistant:** Giving Tree Holiday Donation Collection

01/2017: **Organizer, Coordinator:** Feminine Hygiene Product Drive

02/2017: **Assistant:** Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl-a-thon

03/2017: **Organizer, Coordinator:** Spring Blood Drive

05/2017: **Assistant:** Mental Health Awareness Week Workshop

Conferences

11/2019: **Poster Presenter:** American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting
Vancouver, Canada; “*Opposing Oralist Objectives: Confronting the Limitations of the Medical Model of Deafness.*”

04/2017: **Attendee:** Phi Theta Kappa Catalyst Leadership Conference
Nashville, TN

Languages

English - Fluent

American Sign Language - ACTFL Intermediate Mid

Employment

2019—Present: **Transfer Coach:** First Year Success Center
Arizona State University; Brandon Sours

2018—2019: **Optometric Assistant/Training Specialist:** San Tan Village Eye Care
Gilbert, Arizona; Dr. Steven Labroff

2015—2016: **Optometric Assistant:** Northland Eye Care
Flagstaff, Arizona; Dr. Daniel Thomas

2013—2015: **Certified Medical Scribe Specialist:** Northwest Eye Specialists
Tucson, Arizona; Dr. Brock Bakewell; Amanda Jariwala

2010—2013: **Optometric Assistant:** Tucson Family Eye Care
Tucson, Arizona; Dr. Thomas Ginman

Associations, Societies, & Memberships

2019—Present: American Anthropological Association

2019—Present: Association for Medical Anthropology

2016—Present: Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society of the Two-Year College