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### **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT**

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**National Institutes of Health, Department of Bioethics**

*Pre-doctoral Fellow*

**Bethesda, MD**

September 2019 – present

### **EDUCATION**

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**Columbia University, Columbia College**

*Bachelor of Arts in Neuroscience and Behavior and in Ethnicity and Race Studies*

**New York, NY**

May 2019

- Award for Academic Excellence, Center for Ethnicity and Race Studies
- Kluge Scholar, Columbia University Scholars Program
- Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow
- Dean's List: Fall 2016 – Spring 2019

### **WORK AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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**New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, BADUPCT**

**New York, NY**

*Research Assistant, Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Use, Prevention, Care, and Treatment*      October 2018 – August 2019

- Designed and implemented a research project to identify health challenges associated with crystal meth use among LGBTQ+ communities in New York City.
- Abstracted data from death certificates, toxicology reports, and investigation reports from cases of fatal overdose to be analyzed and compiled into city-level reports on trends in overdose death.
- Assisted in fieldwork for BADUPCT's Cocaine and Bars project, a public education campaign about fentanyl, cocaine, and safer drug use.
- Reviewed public health literature for various projects to inform bureau reports, presentations, and policy recommendations.

**Columbia University, Department of History**

**New York, NY**

*Research Assistant*

June 2018 – June 2019

- Conducted archival research detailing the history of gender and sexuality in mid-twentieth century New York City.
- Managed large collections of electronic and non-electronic documents, summarizing and organizing primary sources to be easily navigated by primary researcher.

**Mailman School of Public Health, Department of Sociomedical Sciences**

**New York, NY**

*Research Assistant*

June 2018 – December 2018

- Analyzed legislation, economic trends, newspapers, and health journals to identify factors influencing practices of tobacco consumption in India across historical time, geographical space, and social identities.
- Comparatively synthesized debates about occupational health, environmental health, and tobacco use across the twentieth century, focusing in particular on the United States and India.

**Washington Heights Corner Project**

**New York, NY**

*Intern, Education and Research Development*

June 2018 – October 2018

- Collaborated with staff to maintain a welcoming, comfortable environment for a diverse group of participants using on-site services pertaining to safer drug use and sexual health.
- Reviewed literature on the efficacy of Supervised Consumption Facilities as an overdose-reducing public health intervention and integrated findings into an informational booklet to be sent to policy makers.

**New York University, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development**

**New York, NY**

*Assistant Research Scientist, Research Alliance for New York City Schools*

October 2017 – August 2018

- Assisted in the development of surveys and interview questions, in the qualitative analysis of interview transcripts and in the cleaning of data.
- Observed the process of participant recruitment, efforts at participant retention, and the ethical collection of data from minors in high school.

**Columbia University, Center for American Studies**

**New York, NY**

*Undergraduate Teaching Fellow, Freedom and Citizenship Program*

July 2017 – May 2018

- Guided New York City high school students in the development of reading and writing skills in a classroom setting and in individualized student workshops.
- Coordinated meeting times, completion of tasks, and successful attendance for a yearlong civic engagement project.

**PRESENTATIONS**

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**New York City Department of Health Research Briefing.** New York City, October 18, 2019. *Chemsex and crystal meth use among LGBTQ+ communities in New York City.*

- Presentation hosted by the Drug Policy Alliance and co-sponsored by New York University College of Global Public Health and the Center for Drug Use and HIV Research

**Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Regional Conference.** New York City, April 5, 2019. *Psychiatry, race, and juvenile delinquency in mid-twentieth century New York City.*