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## EDUCATION

**University of Colorado at Boulder**

August 2012-present

**PhD Student in Education**

*Emphasis: Educational Psychology and Learning Sciences*

**Cambridge University, United Kingdom**

**Master's of Philosophy in Development Studies**

2009-2010

Member of St. Edmund's College, final mark: "High Pass"

- Coursework and seminar emphasis: Education and Policy Analysis, International Development, Human Rights, International Relations, Human Development, Global Environment and Conservation
- Courses of Study: Conservation and Society; Development Economics; Institutions and Development; Justice and Development; Society, Culture and Human Development; Social Policy, Development, and Child Welfare

**University of California, Berkeley**

2003-2007

**Bachelor of Arts: Latin American Studies, with College and Major Honors**

G.P.A. 3.82

- Completed Honors thesis on Type 2 Diabetes in Mexico, including year-long research and field work
- Top Student Award in Latin American Studies May 2007
- Member of Golden Key Society Top 5% of academic class 2003-2007
- Recipient of Governor's Scholarship for Outstanding Academics Fall 2005
- Top Scholar Athlete Award for Women's Water Polo Spring 2005
- UC Berkeley scholar athlete Spring 2004
- Recipient of Brad Evans Foundation Scholarship for Outstanding Berkeley-bound senior 2003

**International College of Cannes**

January to June, 2006

- Semester Study Abroad Program in Cannes, France. Focus: French language, art, and history

**Catholic University of Argentina**

August 2005

- Summer Study Abroad Program in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Focus: Argentinean music and art

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**MacArthur Foundation**

August 2012-present

**Research Assistant for Connected Learning Research Network**

- Member of a research team, led by Dr. Kris Gutierrez, who is looking at technology practices in the home and school environments of elementary age Latino children

**San Francisco Flex Academy**

May 2011-June 2012

**Academic Administrator; Teacher; School Growth Coordinator**

- *Academic Administrator* (September 2011 to June 2012); Duties included: primary classroom management staff in hybrid classrooms of 100+ students in 9-12th grade; spearheaded enrollment outreach and school growth duties; served as student mental health mentor; taught the English remediation and enrichment labs; on-site Spanish and French teacher; leader of data/metric analysis and subsequent academic intervention

placements; leader of grant management and allocation. Responsible for student data analysis and subsequent school distribution, which involved state reporting on attendance, demographics, and accreditations.

- *School Growth Coordinator* (May to September 2011); Duties included: Head of enrollment and school growth and student retention at San Francisco Flex Academy and Silicon Valley Flex Academy. Increased enrollment by over 243% at SF Flex, via grassroots efforts targeted at underrepresented Bay Area populations. Responsible for managing marketing interns and currently training new school growth coordinator.

**Seneca Center  
Social Worker**

August 2010-May2011

- Primary job duties were to discover, engage, and facilitate lifelong supportive connections for youth that have been recently removed from their parents. As a member of the pilot project whose aim is to decrease foster and group home care, I utilized various research tools and databases, and wrote daily reports
- Responsible for all aspects of family finding including direct service care to families, meetings with county child welfare workers, and outreach to relatives up to the fifth degree. Facilitated family team meetings and aid in family reunification

**East Bay Sanctuary Covenant  
Volunteer Refugee Biographer and Translator**

July 2005 - December 2009

- Specialized in the operations of legal cases for political asylum immigrants from French-speaking African countries and Central and South Americans
- Responsible for social service issues, translation barriers, and various legal processes and documents within immigration services

**Berry, Appleman, & Leiden LLP  
Immigration Assistant, Immigrant Visas**

October 2008 - August 2009

- Paralegal for a large corporate immigration law firm specializing in non-immigrant and immigrant visas primarily for information technology companies
- Managed a case load of over 150 clients
- Daily duties included: heavy client interaction via email and telephone, administering and drafting USCIS forms and lengthy letters of support
- Worked independently on cases but within a team of five paralegals under one attorney

**Gallo Sales Company  
Sales Representative, Chain Division**

August 2007 - October 2008

- Managed 16 accounts in Sunnyvale, CA
- Increased sales in my territory by over 50%
- Daily duties included: strengthening and maintaining relationships with retailers, sales presentations on current wine programs, building displays, and demonstrating knowledge of all current wine programs, pricing, competition, and sales trends
- Member of 5 person team, working together to meet sales targets each month

**Awards**

- Sales Representative of the Month January 2008 & March 2008
- Team Winner for Top Sales of Barefoot/Turning Leaf Wine Competition May & June 2008
- #1 Seller Overall of Premium Wine Brand in Company-Wide Incentive July 2008

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

**International Museum of Women  
Development, Editorial and Outreach Volunteer Intern**

August 2010-December 2010

- Primary job duties were to assist in all development work, including outreach, grant writing, donor briefing

### **The Global Poverty Project**

October 2009 to July 2010

- Primary role has been to raise in excess of 6,000 pounds to fund the Cambridge Launch event. The GPP is a United-Nations backed youth organization that aims to spread awareness of global poverty issues.

### **Teaching English as a Second Language Program**

April to July 2010

- Active English tutor for immigrant families in Cambridge through T-E-S-L (a one-to-one scheme for bilingual children who need help with their English)

### **Linton Language Literacy Mentors**

January to July 2010

- Tutor of second language literacy in Spanish and Portuguese to local primary schools

## **ATHLETIC EXPERIENCE**

### **NCAA Division I Water-Polo**

2003-2006

- Member of UC Berkeley varsity water polo team

### **St. Edmund's College Boat Club**

October 2009 – July 2010

- Member of the College Rowing Team

## **SKILLS**

- **Languages:** Spanish Fluency, French Proficiency, Portuguese Proficiency, Italian Conversational
- **Presentation/Public speaking:** Experience in public/group speaking from giving presentations in postgraduate seminars and Gallo Sales Company wine presentations
- **IT:** Proficient in Microsoft Office applications including Word, Excel, PowerPoint; SPSS; Dedoose