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EDUCATION

Yale University, New Haven CT

May 2021

Pursuing a major in History | GPA 3.71/4.0

Coursework: Directed Studies Program; Race, Policing and Justice in US History, Ethnography of Policing and Race, Modern Slavery and the 13th Amendment in American Law; Health and Incarceration in US History

London School of Economics

Summer 2019

Coursework: The Future of Global Cities; International Migration and Public Policy

Downey High School, Downey, CA

May 2017

GPA 4.81/4.0 | Class Rank 1/1100

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“One Night in Wethersfield: Prison Resistance and Humanity in 1950s Connecticut” 2019

- Argues that popular criminalizing rhetoric contributed not only to public perceptions of the 1950s Wethersfield State Penitentiary uprisings, but also shaped the rhetoric and goals.
- Published in the Winter 2020 issue of the Michigan Journal of History.

“Slaves of the West: Exploitation, Struggle, and Resistance Among Early 20th Century California Farmworkers” 2019

- Argues that criminalization and exploitation of farmworkers worked in conjunction to instill a system of forced labor in California’s agricultural industry at the turn of the 20th century.
- Published in the Winter 2021 issue of the Crimson Historical Review.

“Creating a Crime: Canadian Nationalism and Italian Internment in Wartime Canada” 2020

- Argues that a grassroots nationalist movement in Canada pushed unwarranted government action against Italian-Canadians during WWII.
- Published in the Winter 2021 Issue of the James Blair Historical Review (William & Mary).

“Boldly Marching Forward: Black Men in the Coal Creek War” 2020

- Argues for a new interpretation of the Coal Creek War that helped bring about the abolition of convict labor in Tennessee – primarily the inclusion of Black vigilantes as integral to the movement.
- Forthcoming in the *Yale Historical Review* special edition of “The 1701 Project.”

AWARDS

Canadian Studies Prize 2020

- To recognize to the best essay written by a Yale student on a Canadian topic during the academic year.
- Essay chosen by the Canadian Studies Council.
- Awarded to “Creating a Crime: Canadian Nationalism and Italian Internment in Wartime Canada.”

OTHER RESEARCH

“The Road Ends Here: Private Enterprise, Tribal Sovereignty and the Making of the Modern Navajo Justice System” 2020

- Argues that material interests in the form of access to coal and uranium mining shaped the perceptions and actions of settler governments and corporations in response to Navajo justice reform in the 1950s.

“Manufacturing a Crisis: Discontent and Reality in the early 20th Century Pacific Northwest” 2020

- Argues that immigration fears held by lawmakers and newspapers operating at the US-Canada border in the 1920s was disconnected from the reality of contemporary customs and immigration agents.

“Fire at the Castle: The Re-imagination of Punishment in 1950s Connecticut” 2021

- Argues that the Connecticut system of punishment underwent a crisis in the 1950s that resulted in a reorganization of order and punishment rather than reform and restoration.
- Senior Essay for the Yale History Department.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Prison resistance movements
- Mass Incarceration
- Policing in urban spaces
- Carceral migration policies
- Criminalization of poverty
- Race and ethnicity
- Urban History
- Labor History
- Citizenship in US history

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Yale College Dean's Office **2019-2021**

Communication and Consent Educator (CCE)

- Serve as a resource and educator to Yale College students with the goal of working toward a positive social and sexual climate on campus.
- Trained in basic social work skills to respond to and report incidents of sexual misconduct on campus.
- Named one of six Project Coordinators for the 2020-2021 academic year to lead, develop and support the operations of the CCE program.

Yale Office of Career Strategy **2018-2020**

Common Good and Creative Careers Fellow

- Organized events for students looking to enter careers in the nonprofit, government, or education sectors.
- Served as a liaison between the student body and the Yale Office of Career Strategy.

Inner City Law Center **Summer 2018**

Homeful.LA Summer Outreach and Communications Intern

- Established working relationships with dozens of nonprofits in Los Angeles County as part of the Homeful.LA Project.
- Wrote newsletters and spoke at events to advocate for Inner City Law Center and Homeful.LA.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Yale Hunger and Homelessness Action Project (YHHAP) **2018-2020**

Head and Founder, Project Homeless Connect

- Train and lead a group of outreach workers to gather feedback on student public service and activism initiatives from residents of New Haven who experience food and housing insecurity.
- Study the context and history of housing and food insecurity in New Haven and create reports to aid the Board of YHHAP in steering future operations.

Roosevelt Institute at Yale, Equal Justice Center **2017-2020**

Head, 2019-2020

- Design and manage a research project regarding human rights in an age of surveillance. Past projects include homelessness in Los Angeles, sexual assault on college campuses, and American voting rights.

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Yale Human Rights Journal **2018-2020**

Managing Editor and Writer

- Provide editorial guidance to writers and advise the Co-Editors-in-Chief in steering the future directions of the Journal.
- Wrote and published two stories: "Shameful Indifference: Shocking Injustice in Skid Row" (2018) and "Obstruction of the American Voter" (2019)
- Upcoming story for the Spring 2020 Issue: "Prisons Never Worked."

Yale State and Local Policy Review **2018-2020**

Associate Editor of Quality of Life

- Solicit and judge paper submissions for a peer-reviewed undergraduate journal from universities around the country regarding issues surrounding the criminal justice system and public safety issues.