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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor, MI

B.A. Psychology & English Creative Writing sub-concentration Candidate

Aug 2019 - (expected) May 2022

- Cumulative GPA: 4.0 Major GPA: 4.0
- Awards & Honors: William J. Branstrom Freshman Prize; Irma Anschutz Scholarship; University Honors (2)
- Relevant Coursework: Project Outreach: Mind, Music and Community; Psychology of Human Sexuality; Personality Psychology; Statistics and Data Analysis; Abnormal Psychology; Current Topics in Social Psychology
- Extracurricular Activities: Lloyd Scholars for Writing and the Arts (2019-present); JustArt: Social Justice Art Club; Psi Chi Psychology International Honor Society

SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Pune, India

IB Diploma Programme Candidate

Graduated May 2019

- Awards & Honors: High School Valedictorian of the Graduating Class of 2019; IB Diploma Programme Distinction
 - Relevant Coursework: International Baccalaureate - Higher Level Psychology, Biology, Chemistry and English Literature
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND VOLUNTEER WORK

GLOBAL FEMINISMS PROJECT

Ann Arbor, MI

Research Assistant | Part-Time

Feb 2020 - Present

- Transcribe interviews with great women who have contributed to the women's rights movement from all over the world
- Annotate interviews by conducting extensive research to provide cultural context for transcribed interviews

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LLOYD SCHOLARS FOR WRITING AND THE ARTS (LSWA)

Ann Arbor, MI

Student Assistant | Part-Time

Aug 2020 - Present

- Serve the living-learning creative community as a student leader and role model for incoming freshmen by organising community-building activities, implementing techniques to promote creativity and hosting regular check-ins for well-being
- Lead the weekly Arts and Literary Journal Club, responsible for annually publishing art of all forms created by the community

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN COMPREHENSIVE STUDIES PROGRAM (CSP)

Ann Arbor, MI

Writing Course Assistant | Part-Time

June 2020 - Aug 2020

- Hosted biweekly writing workshops with incoming freshmen taking the Summer Bridge CSP 105 Writing course
- Assisted in teaching academic writing with a focus on research into race, ethnicity and generation
- Communicated regularly with course instructor to ensure a creative, conducive and supportive learning environment to best prepare students for success in university-level academic writing

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY: PROJECT OUTREACH

Ann Arbor, MI

Memory Support Services Volunteer

Sep 2019 - Dec 2019

- Developed a rapport with elderly residents in memory care units during one-on-one visits, utilizing active listening skills
- Motivated residents to participate in weekly social activities, such as attending concerts and collaborating in hymn readings
- Participated in group musical performances for the residents with 4 other members for at least 3 hours each week

TEACH FOR INDIA

Pune, India

Intern and Volunteer

May 2016 - Aug 2019

- Collaborated closely with teachers and underprivileged students to improve the quality of education in India
 - Founded the PenPal Project, where students from Teach for India exchanged letters with students from private schools
 - Painted large wall murals on the walls of the community centre, replicating the works of Van Gogh and Hokusai
 - Donated instruments from fundraiser benefits and taught students how to play the piano and guitar in regular music classes
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ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Writing and Creativity Skills; R Commander; iMovie; Adobe Photoshop and Premiere Pro; English, Hindi, French; Piano, Guitar