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## EDUCATION

**Duke University, Bachelor of Arts**

Expected in May 2025

Major in Psychology, Minor in Political Science | GPA: 3.875/4.0

Honors: Reginaldo Howard Scholar, Gates Scholar, The International Honor Society in Psychology, Dean's List

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### DUKE IDENTITY & DIVERSITY LAB

Duke University Campus

*Research Assistant*

September 2022 - Present

- Investigate developmental differences in multicultural children to understand the relationship between race and learning outcomes
- Code data for a project on diversity to understand how Americans perceive inequality
- Run three studies and recruit families to build a larger network of BIPOC participants
- Manage lab Gmail and increase efficiency in response times

### EMOTION, HEALTH, AND PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGY LAB

Yale University Campus

*Intern*

June 2024 - August 2024

- Monitored and scored physiological data to understand stress responses in interracial interactions
- Conducted experimental studies focused on the intersection of empathy and race
- Assisted in the design and implementation of a study on how gay men experience isolation
- Acted as a confederate in psychological experiments to contribute to the integrity of study protocols

### CENTER FOR DEATH PENALTY LITIGATION

Durham, NC

*Intern*

January 2024 - May 2024

- Conducted comprehensive literature reviews on the impact of video game violence on behavior
- Identified relevant mitigation factors that could influence the perpetuation of violent crime
- Collaborated with psychological experts to develop mitigation strategies for declaring incompetency

### WILSON CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND JUSTICE

Duke University Campus

*Research Assistant*

September 2022 - June 2023

- Researched plea bargains with a lawyer to gain insight into the outcomes of trials
- Analyzed mental health outcomes of public defenders to understand how stigma contributes to stress
- Coded data in excel for study of 300 participants to analyze confounding variables

### HUMAN SCIENCES RESEARCH COUNCIL

Cape Town, South Africa

*Intern*

June 2023- August 2023

- Evaluated public opinion survey data to analyze how racial identities influence support of the Zondo Commission
- Transcribed interviews with presidential candidates to document attitudes of political parties

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE**

Manchester, NH

*Intern*

May 2022 - August 2022

- Collaborated with a lawyer to develop three prevention materials focused on trafficking prevention
- Distributed prevention materials to educators to enhance their ability to identify trafficking situations
- Wrote two policy drafts on gaps & challenges for BIPOC survivors to increase awareness of trafficking

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD COGNITION LAB**

Duke University Campus

*Research Assistant*

January 2022 - May 2022

- Examined moral development of children ages 6-9 to understand how race relates to the perception of morality
- Designed age-appropriate experimental protocols to assess children's moral reasoning and judgments.
- Revamped two social media pages to increase community engagement

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## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

### **RACIAL EQUITY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Duke University Campus

*Student Liaison*

September 2023 - Present

- Assist in developing a strategy for broad communications and micro-messaging
- Advocate on behalf of Duke students regarding core student values and goals
- Implement feedback loops and analytics to measure the effectiveness of communication strategies.

### **BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS**

Durham, NC

*President*

September 2022 - Present

- Organize community events with partner organizations to recruit more mentees
- Train incoming volunteers to ensure healthy relationships between mentors and mentees
- Mentor one middle school student and help improve emotional regulation

### **DUKE JUSTICE PROJECT**

Duke University Campus

*Outreach Chair*

September 2021 - Present

- Recruit guest speakers and organize events to educate Duke's community on incarceration
- Tutor two formerly incarcerated men in reading comprehension to help them prepare for their GEDs
- Collaborate with several nonprofits to provide outreach services to the Durham community
- Negotiated with administration to allow Duke students to be granted permission to tutor in prisons

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## **SKILLS & INTERESTS**

**Research:** Data Analysis with R, Qualtrics, Otter.AI, Zotero

**Other Technical:** Microsoft Word/Excel/Powerpoint, Google Slides/Sheets/Doc, Adobe Creative Cloud

**Interests:** Mental Health Advocacy, Criminal Justice Reform, Poetry, Piano (1 year)