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Education

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire — Spring 2025

Sociology Major, Spanish Minor, Legal Studies Certificate — GPA: 3.96/4.00

Research Experience

Give and Take: The Business Mindset and Social Capital For the Unhoused — 2024-2025

- Utilized qualitative interviewing and ethnographic participant-observational methods to gather data on the nature and effects of dialogic meaning-making in interactions between unhoused individuals and business stakeholders over a span of three months.
- Overseen by Professor Peter Hart-Brinson.
- Funded by the UWEC Office of Research and Sponsored Programs grant and the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program.

Eau Claire Longitudinal Student Survey: Year Eight — 2024

- Designed a unique 15-question module as part of a small group.
- Randomly sampled 500 UWEC students to determine salience of various factors contributing to delays in bachelor's degree completion.
- Analyzed data using SPSS.
- Part of SOC332-Sociological Research Methods.
- Overseen by Professor Peter Hart-Brinson.

(Be)Coming Home — 2023

- Six-week ethnographic research project utilizing primarily participant-observation to gather data on the contextual adaptation and reality-management techniques of families and staff members at FPCV-Beacon House.
- Part of SOC360-Sociology of Culture coursework**.**

Teaching Experience

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire — Fall 2023, Fall 2024

Student Academic Apprentice, Sociology Department

SOC101-Introduction to Sociology, taught by Professor Melissa Bonstead-Bruns

- Designed slides and lectured on inequality and the meritocracy.
- Held multi-section unit exam review sessions and held weekly office hours.
- Managed attendance and student data collection, updated lecture slides.
- Graded class discussions and extra credit assignments.

Recognitions

Honors:

UWEC Sociology Department Honors 2024-2025

Sigma Delta Pi – National Collegiate Spanish Honor Society 2023-2025

UWEC Dean's List 2021-2025

UWEC University Honors 2021-2025

Scholarships and Awards:

Rowan Award for Best Sociological Theory Paper in Sociology 2024

Office of Research and Sponsored Programs Summer Research Experience for Undergraduates Funding 2024

Brad and Kathy Blumenthal Award for Public Scholarship in Sociology 2023

Rowan Student Research Award for Advanced Achievement in Sociology 2023

Richard E. Olson Spanish Study Abroad Scholarship 2022

UWEC Freshman Honor Scholarship 2021

Skills

* MAXQDA *(Proficient)*
* Ethnographic methods *(Proficient)*
* Qualtrics *(Proficient)*
* SPSS *(Intermediate)*

Relevant Work Experience

UWEC: Sociology Department Assistant Jan 2024-May 2025

* Designed advising materials for incoming students
* Founded and organized programming for the Eau Claire Sociology Club (ECSC)

Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley-Beacon House Feb 2023-Feb 2025

* Managed daily operations of family homeless shelter, such as receiving donations, resident intake, etc.