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EDUCATION

- 2018 B.A. (Special Honors)
Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
Bridging Disciplines Research Certificate: Human Rights and Social Justice

HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2019 Berkeley Conference Travel Grant, Berkeley Graduate Division, University of California, Berkeley
- 2018 Berkeley Graduate Research Fellowship, Berkeley Graduate Division, University of California, Berkeley
- 2018 Barbara Harlow Human Rights and Social Justice Scholarship, Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, University of Texas
- 2017 Princeton Undergraduate Research Experience Fellowship, Princeton University
- 2017 Undergraduate Competitive Scholarship, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas
- 2017 Rapoport-King Honors Thesis Scholarship, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas
- 2017 Alpha Kappa Delta—Sociological Honors Society
- 2017 Undergraduate Research Grant, College of Undergraduate Studies, University of Texas
- 2017-18 Department of Sociology Honors Program, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas
- 2017-18 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas
- 2016-18 Henry Benjamin Decherd and Isabelle Thomason Decherd Scholarship, Texas Exes, University of Texas
- 2016-18 Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Fellowship, University of Texas
- 2016 Undergraduate Travel Grant, Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, University of Texas
- 2016 African Diaspora in the Americas Scholarship, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas
- 2016 Black Diaspora in Rio de Janeiro Scholarship, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas
- 2015-18 Rapoport Service Scholarship, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Policing | Surveillance and Technology | Race and Ethnicity | Political Sociology | Urban Sociology | Ethnography | Interview Methods

DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2018-19 UCNETS: UC Berkeley Social Networks Research Group
Coding and reconciling qualitative research data from a three-wave study of respondents

and how their social networks change over time amidst life circumstances like aging and illness.

Research Advisor: Claude Fischer, PhD

- 2018 Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, Texas Law School,
Drafted Human Rights Commentary on the death of Brazilian activist Marielle Franco and the state of police brutality in Brazil through dialoguing with the work of Barbara Harlow, PhD.
Research Advisor: Karen Engle, JD
- 2017 Leadership Alliance—Princeton Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (PSURE),
Qualitatively researched the role of surveillance in Brazilian criminal justice practices and anti-black violence via comparative literature analysis
Research Advisor: Miguel Centeno, PhD
- 2016 African Diaspora in the Americas Study Abroad Program, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil,
Ethnographically documented the role of Black motherhood in Afro-Brazilian movements across Rio de Janeiro and Salvador, Brazil
Research Advisor: João H. Costa Vargas, PhD

PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 Durham, Xavier. 2019. "Marielle Franco and the Brazilian Necropolis: Assassination and Afterlives." *Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice: Human Rights Commentary*. June 4, 2019 (<https://law.utexas.edu/humanrights/projects/marielle-franco-and-the-brazilian-necropolis-assassination-and-after-lives/>).
- 2018 Durham, Xavier. 2018. "The Anti-Black Pendulum: The Racial Limitations of Foucault's Panopticism and Penal Reform in Brazil." *The Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Journal* 2018. 16 – 20.
- 2018 Durham, Xavier. 2018. "Racialized Surveillance, Policing, and Social Control in Brazil." *Texas Undergraduate Research Journal*. 17(1): 1 – 13.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 "Black Mirrors, Black Windows: an invitation to reflexivity on epistemological approaches to surveillance processes and technology," *Eyes on Surveillance: (In)security in Everyday Life*, Baltimore, MD
- 2018 "Violence on the Market: Race and the Privatization of Police and Surveillance Technology in Urban Brazil," Social Science Research Council Summer Mellon Conference, New York, NY
- 2018 "Policing and Race: Criminal Justice Surveillance in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil," Black Communities, A Conference for Collaboration, Durham, NC
- 2017 "Surveillance and Incarceration: The Genesis of Racialized Policing in Brazil," Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program 2017 Southeast Regional Conference, Austin, TX
- 2017 "The Casa de Correção: Racial Violence and Control in Brazil," National Diversity in STEM Conference, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2017 "The Anti-Black Assemblage: Racialized Surveillance, Policing and Social Control in Brazil," Leadership Alliance National Symposium, Hartford, CT
- 2017 "Insecurity, Policing, and Social Control in Brazil," College of Liberal Arts Dean's Reception, Austin, TX
- 2017 "Insecurity, Policing, and Social Control in Brazil," College of Liberal Arts Honors Poster Presentation, Austin, TX

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2016-17 Alternative Breaks, Trip Leader
Facilitated a 6-week intersectional curriculum through the lens of service-oriented pedagogy in New Orleans, Louisiana.

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

- 2019-2020 University of Texas at Austin – Bridging Disciplines Program, *Alumni Mentor*
Advise two to three undergraduate students on their current research aims and post-university education trajectories, including graduate/professional school and entry-level career opportunities.
- 2018-2020 University of California, Berkeley – Department of Sociology, *Graduate Student Mentor*
Advise current undergraduate student on departmental honors thesis project from developing a research question to feasible goal setting for gathering data and completing the project in a timely manner as laid out by the Honors program instructor.
- 2016-2017 University of Texas at Austin – Division for Diversity and Community Engagement, *Gateway Mentor*
Helped run weekly cohort meetings for first-year undergraduate student that covered Gateway program requirements and addressed issues unique to first-generation students.
- 2015 University of Texas at Austin – New Student Services, *Orientation Advisor*
Coordinated orientation events for incoming undergraduate class of 2019 including one-on-one degree advising, promoting diversity and inclusivity, and directing students to comprehensive financial and housing resources.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2018-20 UC Berkeley Graduate Assembly, Delegate
- 2018-20 Sociologists of Color and Allies, Lead Organizer
- 2016-17 Sociology in Action, President
- 2016-17 *Sociological Insight*, Editorial Board Member, Department of Sociology, University of Texas
- 2016-17 Texas Phanos, College of Liberal Arts Ambassador, University of Texas

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association (ASA) | Brazilian Studies Association (BRASSA) | Latin American Studies Association (LASA)