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# **Education**

**Bachelor of Arts in Psychology** *Anticipated June 2021*

**Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice** *Anticipated June 2021*

**Minor in Social Science Research Methods** *Anticipated June 2021*

**Major GPA in** **Psychology**: 4.0

**Major GPA in** **Criminal Justice:** 4.0

**Cumulative GPA**: 4.0

## Honors and Awards

**Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society, Tacoma Chapter** *Inducted April 2021*

**PIPA Stipend** *July 2020*

* $5500 awarded to students who contribute 315+ hours to Legal Pathways internship

**Psi Chi Honor Society, Tacoma Chapter** *Inducted May 2019*

**Freshman Merit Scholarship** *January 2019*

* $2000 awarded to freshman who have demonstrated high academic achievement

**Dean’s List Scholarship** *September 2019*

* Awarded to undergraduate students that have achieved a quarterly GPA of 3.50 or higher (amount varies)

**Annual Dean’s List** *2018-present*

* Academic distinction given to undergraduate students that have achieved an annual GPA of 3.50 or higher

## Research

**Social Psychology Lab** *January 2019-present*

*Independent Research (September 2019- December 2019)*

**Project:****Effects of Synchrony on Implicit/Explicit Racial Bias**

*Research Assistant (January 2019-present)*

**Projects: Identity, Perception, & Decision; Effects of Synchrony on Implicit/Explicit Racial Bias; COVID-19 Threat and Perception**

**Mentor: Jenny (Yi) Xiao, PhD**

* Developed skills with the Implicit Association Test (IAT)
* Conducted research and literature reviews for 3 separate studies
* Prepared research materials for experiments (i.e. IRB, sample videos/pictures)

**Community Psychology Lab** *May 2019-present*

*Research Assistant (May 2019-present)*

**Project: Displacement, Detention, and Integration of Immigrants and Refugees in the South Sound**

**Mentor: Vanessa de Veritch Woodside, PhD and Rachel M. Hershberg, PhD**

* Acquired skills conducting and analyzing qualitative research
* Created in depth literature reviews and critiques
* Trained to conduct confidential semi-structured interviews

**Presentations**

Ayers, M.R.\*, Samra, S.\*, Sharma, R.\*, & Xiao, Y.J. (2019, June). *The role of physical distance and race in simulated law enforcement decision making.* Poster presented at the Student Showcase, University of Washington Tacoma.

**Other Work and Volunteer Experience**

**Tacoma Probono Internship** *June 2020-August 2020*

*Legal Intern*

* Worked with minority and low-income populations
* Conducted legal research skills and maintained attorney appointment logs

**City of Kent** *September 2018-present*

*Youth Leader*

* Established strong relationships with young students
* Aided in elementary school tutoring and activities

**Private Tutor** *July 2018- July 2019*

Subjects: Writing

* Developed one-on-one tutoring skills in writing
* Acquired experience interacting with students and diversified skills in demonstration methods

**City of Kent** *September 2017-present*

*Late Night Lead*

* Worked effectively in teams both as a facilitator and group member
* Worked with diverse participants of all backgrounds

## Memberships

**Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society, Tacoma Chapter** *April 2021-present*

* Due to recent membership, I plan to do more work for the honor society moving forward

**Criminal Justice League** *January 2019-present*

* Participated in events spreading awareness about social justice within the criminal justice system

**National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) on Campus** *November 2019-present*

* Participated in regular meetings and campus events to help advocate for mental health awareness

**Psi Chi National Honor Society, Tacoma Chapter** *May 2019-present*

* Participated in meetings and shared resources to psychology students on campus

**National Name Exchange** *April 2019- present*

* Maintained high academic performance in order to receive opportunities for graduate school

**South Asian Student Alliance** *September 2018-June 2019*

* Assistant Vice President; participated in regular meetings and organized cultural events on campus

**Personal**

Language: Fluent in English and Punjabi, Elementary knowledge of Urdu

Applications: Microsoft Office, SPSS, Inquisit, and Qualtrics

**References**

* **Jenny Xiao**,Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychology, University of Washington, Tacoma.

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Relationship to applicant: Professor and Research mentor

* **Vanessa de Veritch Woodside**,PhD., Associate Professor of Hispanic Studies, University of Washington, Tacoma.

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* **Rachel Hershberg**, PhD., Assistant Professor of Psychology, University of Washington, Tacoma.

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