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Professional Profile

Highly skilled and motivated sociologist with a proven ability to collaborate with others professionally and tactfully. With a passion for community-building and resource mobilization through fieldwork. Committed to making a positive impact in the lives of others. Exceptional Spanish and English writing and communication skills allow me to engage with diverse audiences effectively. Driven by a natural intellectual curiosity and self-motivation. Committed to pursuing opportunities that challenge me to grow personally and professionally. Additionally, deeply dedicated to promoting cultural exchange and fostering understanding between diverse communities acknowledging their strengths and differences.

Education

Master in Arts in International Studies

University of Washington, GPA: 3.9/4.0

Seattle, WA

2022-2024

Specialization in Corporate Social Management

Universidad Externado de Colombia, GPA: 4.5/5.0

Bogotá, Colombia

2021

Thesis: "Work management for human development in atypical jobs, an approach to the organization Huittaca Fest: art, women, and empowerment."

BSc Sociology

Pontifical Xavierian University, GPA 4.2/5.0

Bogotá, Colombia

2019

Thesis: "The Bogota's therapy: The champeta as a musical genre in Bogota's rumba circuit."

Relevant Work Experience

General Committee Member

Huittaca: Art, Women, and Empowerment

Madrid, Cundinamarca - Colombia

2020-Today

- Developing narrative, create, and edit visual and audiovisual content to communicate via social media.
- Elaborating with writing and submitting grant proposals and developing ideas for leadership and artistic workshops.
- Planning of the cultural and musical workshops and events that will take place at the Huittaca Fest.

Undergrad Research Assitant

Pontifical Xavierian University - Festive Cultures in Colombia and Latin America

Bogotá - Colombia

2016-2019

- Organizing workshops and talks about exposing the cultural diversity in the festive cultures at the Pontifical Xavierian University Academy contest.
- Conducting research projects and grants and elaborating the project outcomes reports.
- Collecting and analyzing qualitative data through ethnography, participant observation, and interviews.
- Conducting fieldwork in the most important Afro-Colombia Fest, "Festival de Música del Pacífico Petronio Álvarez" and publishing "Audiovisual essay, Euphoria" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a86uMXB1jXY>.

Member of the student group "Somos Colombia"

Pontifical Xavierian University - Undergrad Research Assitant

Bogotá - Colombia

2015-2017

- Supporting the vision of building connections with other cities across provinces to build a sense of belonging and connection to students' hometowns by hosting events, workshops, and trips to share culture and build relationships.
- Supporting out-of-province students with their transition to city life by facilitating monthly group meetings to answer any questions, provide housing resources, and connect them to one another.
- Leading and organizing multicultural activities such as meet-ups for exploring and sharing the myths and legends of different regions, as well as facilitating workshops such as "Living in Bogota 101"

Additional Education

Mental Health Navigator Training

University of Washington-Bothell

Seattle, WA

2022

- **Learning to teach Spanish to foreigners** **Medellin, Colombia**
AC Lingua *2020*
- **Training in cultural management and human development** **Bogota, Colombia**
Bogota City Hall *2020*
- **Project Management** **Medellin, Colombia**
EAFIT University *2020*

Languages

- **English:** Fluent in English
- **Spanish:** Native and bilingual proficiency

Awards

- Top Scholar Fellowship. Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies. University of Washington

Conference Presentations

- Speaker at the ALAS Peru 2019 International Congress "Towards a new historical horizon of historical sense of a civilization of life". Lima, Peru (2019).
- Speaker at the VI International Meeting of Studies on Fiesta, Culture, and Nation. Buenos Aires, Argentina (2017).
- Speaker at the First Colloquium of Students of Social Sciences at the Pontifical Xavierian University (2019).
- Speaker at the National Congress of Sociology Students (2017).
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Extracurricular activities

- Exhibitor of the photographic exhibition "Invisible Cartography" and "Diary of the Intimate and the Concrete" (2018).
- Intern at Intercultura Colombia (2017).
- Coordinator of the youth cine forum program of the Xaverian Volunteers (2015)
- Social science student association of photography(2018-2019)
- Member of the women's Rugby, Tennis, and Soccer team at the Social Sciences faculty (2014-2018).
- Volunteer at the Support Point for Bogota's outside students of the Center for Identity and Community Identity Promotion (2013- 2017).