

CORINNE LEA RUSHING

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EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Graduate student, Department of Sociology

Ann Arbor, MI · August 2021-Present

University of California, Berkeley
B.A. Political Science, Political Economy Minor
High Distinction in General Scholarship, Highest Departmental Honors in Political Science

Berkeley, CA · August 2016-May 2020

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Student, UC Berkeley Political Science Honors Thesis Program

Berkeley, CA · Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

- Studied rural conservatism and secession through the State of Jefferson movement; applied a mixed-method qualitative research design featuring 30+ field interviews, 270 survey responses, and 190 analyzed newspaper articles; awarded highest honors for the completed project.

Lead Researcher, Berkeley Law Field Placement Program

Berkeley, CA · Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

- Drafted successful grant application for an Instructional Improvement Grant from the Berkeley Center for Teaching & Learning; applied a mixed-method qualitative and quantitative research design to analyze 4 Berkeley Law seminars and compare their programmatic norms to other law schools and programs; produced a series of recommendations for lecturers on how to improve their courses.

Contract Researcher, Code for America

San Francisco, CA · Summer 2019

- Compiled hundreds of legal and social resources available to individuals with criminal records in 14 Californian counties; produced a resources and referrals packet for Code for America's reentry team.

Research Assistant, Housing and Economic Rights Advocates

Oakland, CA · Fall 2018

- Compiled information on Californian caregivers' rights & protections in support of a statewide project on the California Caregivers' Bill of Rights.

Research Apprentice, UC Berkeley Institute for the Study of Societal Issues

Berkeley, CA · Fall 2018

- Conducted qualitative data verification on Rachel Gartner's dissertation on gendered microaggressions and sexual violence through Berkeley's Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program (URAP).
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WORK EXPERIENCE

Campaigns Fellow, 50plus1 Strategies

Oakland, CA · Summer 2019

- Conducted campaign research and drafted 5 memos on strategy questions; shadowed Bay Area progressive electoral and legislative campaigns; attended town hall meetings; ghostwrote dozens of campaign emails for clients; prepared morning news briefings.

Clerk, Housing and Economic Rights Advocates (HERA)

Oakland, CA · May 2018 - January 2019

- Conducted legal and policy research; wrote and published articles on the organization's website; observed and assisted in client intakes and document management; consulted with attorneys to support ongoing cases.

Administrative Assistant, Field Placement Program at Berkeley Law

Berkeley, CA · October 2016– August 2021

- Continuously facilitated syllabus writing and class design for 5 semesterly courses; assessed and tracked hundreds of student assignment submissions; designed the program’s website via WordPress domain; created and maintained various informational databases; designed and maintained 40+ Canvas LMS pages; created new policies on timekeeping and student accommodations; trained 8 office assistants and 2 program coordinators.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Commission Chair, ASUC Commission on Sexual Violence

Berkeley, CA · January 2018-May 2020

- Directed 30+ commission members and advised 3 working groups; coordinated and collaborated with other student government bodies on policy and educational initiatives; acted as a liaison to UC Berkeley staff organizations and Bay Area advocacy groups; previously served as Director of Communications.

Senior Article Editor, Berkeley Law Journal of Gender, Law & Justice

Berkeley, CA · August 2017-May 2020

- Elected the first undergraduate to serve on the editorial board of a Berkeley Law Journal; led an editing team of law students conducting substantive edits on main articles (60+ pages); cite checked articles; founded the Online Edition of the Journal to respond to current events; previously served as Web Content Editor.

SKILLS

- Legal & policy research
- Mixed methods qualitative research
- Copy and substantive editing
- Impact and policy report drafting
- Publication of scholarly articles
- Canvas LMS course page design & management
- Client-based and community-based advocacy
- WordPress website design & maintenance
- Event planning and facilitation
- Infographics and flyer design
- Microsoft Excel database building & management

APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS

- 2020 Charles H. Percy Undergraduate Grant for Public Affairs Research recipient
- UC Berkeley Dean’s List: Spring 2017 & Spring 2018
- Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honors Society member
- 2019/20 appointed member of the UC Berkeley PATH to Care Advisory Board
- 2018/19 and 2019/20 appointed member of the Coordinated Campus Review Team (CCRT) specialized in sexual violence and harassment policy synthesis
- 2016 Student Representative on the Gateway Unified School District’s Board of Education