

# JASMINE RIVERA

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## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D** Student of Sociology, Fall 2019 -  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
Rackham Merit Fellow

**B.A** Sociology, 2017  
*Magna Cum Laude (3.93 overall GPA, 4.0 Departmental GPA)*  
University of California, Berkeley

**A.A** Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2013  
Latin American Studies, 2014  
Humanities, 2014  
*Each with highest honors (3.97 GPA)*  
Santa Rosa Junior College

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### **UC Berkeley Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, Center for the Study of Child Care Employment: Sept 2017 to August 2019**

#### **Program Associate**

- In conjunction with state-level and local-level education agencies across the U.S., assisted staff in the creation of large-scale studies involving early childhood workforce participants.
- Assisted staff in collecting and compiling data, fact-checking it accordingly, and managing the data for the purpose of creating scholarly reports for nation-wide dissemination to policymakers, scholars and funders.
- Led administrative and communication support over the course of data collection and dissemination
- Ensured all methods were done in adherence with contractual and IRB compliance.

### **Department of Sociology at University of California, Berkeley: Jan 2017 to Sept 2017**

#### **Research Assistant**

*“Pretrial Diversion and Detention: How Offenders’ Experiences Shape Future Involvement with Crime”* by Professor Sandra Smith

- Coded over 100 in-depth interviews conducted in San Francisco and Houston of those who have had experiences with pre-trial diversion programs. I coded responses for how individuals found employment both prior to and post-incarceration/entry into the judicial system, as well as coded various barriers to keeping employment that individuals faced, preparing reports to quantify and analyze findings both within and across demographics.

### **Berkeley Law at University of California, Berkeley: Jan 2017 to May 2017**

#### **Research Apprentice**

*“The Transformation of Affirmative Action: From Equality to Diversity”* by Professor David Oppenheimer

-Surveyed existing literature and historical records, documenting the history of affirmative action policy in the United States as well as the history of Harvard University's leadership, with a particular focus on its role in higher education. I also investigated the history of Harvard University's leadership, focusing on its succession of its Presidents during the 19th and early 20th centuries and how different leadership within the university brought upon changes to the diversity of their admissions both in ideology and in practice.

**Berkeley Law Death Penalty Clinic at University of California, Berkeley: Summer 2016  
Research Intern**

-My work primarily focused on a research endeavor to prove selective prosecution by means of racial discrimination by the San Diego County District Attorney's office. If able to prove that the San Diego District Attorney's office was discriminating against individuals, this would give more weight for some death row inmates in the county to be given new trials.

-Gathered, reviewed, and organized life history documents of the incarcerated individuals.

-Reviewed hundreds of court documents for all those charged with murder in San Diego county between the late 70's to late 90's, documenting the listed race of the individual and the judicial outcome (i.e- convicted and sentenced to X amount of years, case dismissed, etc.)

**Department of City & Regional Planning at University of California, Berkeley: Jan 2016- July 2016**

**Research Assistant**

*HUD's Sustainable Communities Initiative Regional Planning Grant Program Project* by Professor Karen Chapple (a follow up from her 2013 project of the same name)

-Documented the demographics of each grantee organization and core partner organization and grantee's entity type, budget, mission statement, staff size, population of the city it is located in, as well as coding for whether the organization's mission is focused on improving economy, equity, and/or environment.

**Department of Sociology at University of California, Berkeley: Jan 2016- May 2016  
Research Apprentice**

*"UC Berkeley Social Networks Study"* by Professor Claude Fischer

-Coded life changes/events reported by respondents into 7 themes. I also coded for the valence and to whom the event occurred in the respondent's life [self, spouse, child, etc.]. From there, I broke down which types of events were most commonly reported over the years of the survey by educational attainment, ethnic identity.

**Department of Sociology at University of California, Berkeley: May 2015- Sept 2015  
Research Assistant**

*"Want, Need, Fit: Cultural Logics of Job-Matching Assistance"* by Professor Sandra Smith

-Read and coded interviews of workers, coding who had good experiences in referring people they knew for jobs, and bad experiences and what these experiences entailed. Paid particular attention to which traits made someone more "referable" for a job.

**Department of Sociology at University of California, Berkeley Jan 2015- May 2015  
Research Assistant**

*Oakland Homicide Project* by Professor Sandra Smith

-Researched over 300 homicides occurring within Oakland, California between 2012-2014. For each homicide, I searched archived news articles and documented the specifics about the case, including where

the deceased was living at the time of their murder. I also was responsible for finding potential contact information for family members or close friends of the deceased so that a follow-up could be conducted with them. After this was complete, I searched and recorded various census tract information for the 81 census tracts in Oakland in which a homicide occurred.

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### **SELF-DIRECTED RESEARCH PAPERS**

Rivera, J.I. (2016). When Law Isn't Enough- Domestic Violence and the Need for Community Based Organizations.

Rivera, J.I. (2015). Miles Away, Yet Worlds Apart: An Analysis of Three Neighborhoods Within the City of Oakland.

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### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

#### **Rackham Merit Fellowship, 2019-2024**

Awarded to incoming graduate students having a record of superior academic achievement.

#### **Major Spotlight, Berkeley Sociology Newsletter, April 2019**

Featured in the departmental newsletter for a successful graduate admissions cycle

#### **Chancellor's Award for Public Service, 2017**

Chancellor's recognition of high-achieving students who have demonstrated a commitment to public service and improving our local and global community. Was awarded through the Peter E. Haas Public Service Leadership Program.

#### **Peter E. Haas Public Service Leadership Program, 2016-2017**

Awarded to UC Berkeley students who have demonstrated a significant commitment to off campus public service activities. The program engages students in a year-long training and support system to ensure their personal success in their service, including monthly trainings, reflective dialogues, and regular coaching/advising sessions with professional staff. Awardees are also granted a financial scholarship.

#### **Dean's Honors at UC Berkeley, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017**

Dean's honors student at UC Berkeley for each semester enrolled in over 13 units

#### **Ruth Bailey Peletz Adult Re-Entry Award, 2014-2015**

One student is awarded from Santa Rosa Junior College for academic excellence as a re-entry student who has had a gap of over 12 months in their education.

#### **Commencement speaker finalist for Santa Rosa Junior College, 2014**

#### **Santa Rosa Junior College EOPS Outstanding Transfer Student of the Year, 2013-2014**

Awarded to an Extended Opportunity Program student that is transferring to a four-year university. Criteria to be eligible for the award include a top percentile GPA and the ability to overcome hardships in their pursuit of a college degree.

#### **California State Legislatures' recognition of Academic Excellence, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014**

Awarded a certificate of Academic Excellence by the California State Legislature for each year I attended Santa Rosa Junior College

**Dean’s Highest Honors Honor Roll at Santa Rosa Junior College, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014**

Awarded Dean’s Highest Honors for every semester in attendance at Santa Rosa Junior College full time. Criteria includes having a semester GPA above 3.6

**EOPS Honor Roll, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014**

Awarded EOPS Honors for every semester in attendance at Santa Rosa Junior College full time. Criteria includes having a semester GPA above 3.5.

**Volunteer Excellence from Scholastic Magazine, 2011**

Awarded a spotlight article in Scholastic Magazine for Volunteer Excellence for the work that I have done to help build affordable housing. I worked with the author to also highlight homelessness and the vulnerability for veterans to become homeless, in honor of my father.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

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Peter E. Haas Public Service Scholarship	2016-2017
Berkeley Undergraduate Scholarship	2014-2017
Rotary Club of Santa Rosa’s Joseph Dorfman Memorial Scholarship	2015-2016
Cal Alumni of Oakmont Scholarship	2014-2015
EOPS Ruth Bailey Peletz Adult Scholarship	2014-2015
Carol Cochran Schaffner Education Scholarship	2014-2015
Joyce E. Mattern Memorial Scholarship	2014-2015
Delta Kappa Gamma (Epsilon Beta Chapter) Scholarship	2014-2015
Rotary Club of Santa Rosa’s Larry Bello Scholarship	2014-2015
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Scholarship	2012-2015

**PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS**

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**Research Presentation**, “Life Events Across the Demographics”. UC Nets Meeting. Berkeley, CA. May 2016.

**Research Presentation**, “When Law Isn’t Enough- Domestic Violence and the Need for Community Based Organizations”. Multi-Cultural Research Symposium. Berkeley, CA. April 2016.

**Keynote Address**, Santa Rosa Junior College Scholarship Gala. Santa Rosa, CA. August 2014.

**Guest Speaker**, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Gala, Sebastopol, CA. July 2014

**Guest Speaker**, EOP Awards Ceremony. Santa Rosa, CA. May 2014.

**Presentation to California Senators and Select Representatives**, “Who are the Homeless in Sonoma County?” Congressional Legislative Advocacy Meeting. Washington, D.C. 2012 and 2013.

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

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**Qualtrics [Implementation for Surveys] Training**

UC Berkeley via D-Lab, September 2017

**Human Subject Training and Certification,**

UC Berkeley via CITI Program, September 2017

**Conflict Resolution Training**

UC Berkeley, June-July 2017

**Restorative Justice Training**

UC Berkeley, April 2016

**Education Inequity Workshop**

UC Berkeley, March 2016

**Legislative Advocacy Training**

United States Capitol, Washington, D.C, 2013

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United States Capitol, Washington, D.C, 2012

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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Phi Beta Kappa, Honor Society, 2017- Present

Cal Alumni Association, 2017- Present

California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 2017- Present

Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society, 2016- Present

Latino Pre-Law Society, UC Berkeley Chapter, 2016- Present

Sigma Alpha Pi- National Society of Leadership and Success, 2015- Present

Phi Alpha Delta, UC Berkeley Chapter Law Society, 2014-2015

Hispanic Young Professionals Network of Sonoma County, 2013- 2015

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Sonoma County, 2013- Present

Phi Theta Kappa, Honor Society for qualifying Community College students, 2012-2014

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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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**Research Ambassador**

UC Berkeley Underrepresented Researchers of Color, 2014-2017

**Board Member**

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Network, 2013-2014

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**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Teen Mentor, Chops Teen Club in Santa Rosa, CA**

2011-2014

Worked as a teen mentor and tutor at a local after-school center counseling a diverse group of adolescents. Duties included giving advice, tutoring, assisting with the admissions for community college, and more.

**ESL Teacher's Aid, RL Stevens Elementary School in Roseland, CA**

2012-2014

Volunteered as an ESL Kindergarten teacher's assistant in the impoverished community that I am from for two days a week for two years.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR VOLUNTEERISM**

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### **DACA Assistance Workshop, Creator**

Created an after school workshop for undocumented teens in the community to receive assistance applying for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program when it first became implemented. Santa Rosa, CA. 2012-2014.

### **Habitat for Humanity, Volunteer**

Volunteer building affordable homes with Habitat for Humanity for four years. Seattle, WA., Tacoma, WA., Healdsburg, CA., Santa Rosa, CA. 2010-2014.