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**EDUCATION**

**University of California, Berkeley, Magna Cum Laude**, Berkeley, CA, May 2007

B.A. Social Welfare with Honor’s Thesis, concentration in Anthropology, pre-law emphasis,

 Research Topic: Social Welfare Implications of Violence Against Women in Guatemala

B.A. Art Studio, concentration in Photography,

Minor, Peace and Conflict Studies,

Passed California teaching examinations: CBEST, CSET

**EXPERIENCE**

**Avalon English School,** Incheon, South Korea October 2010 – December 2010

***Teaching Assistant***

* Created lesson plans and educational supplemental material for classes of fifteen students
* Attended an educational workshop on implementation of ESL teaching techniques

**Bears United in Literacy Development,** Berkeley, CA May2006 – May 2007

***Teaching Assistant***

* Improved fourth graders reading skills and designed individualized curriculums
* Motivated underachieving students towards success in their annual district exams

**Rise Program, East bay Asian Youth Center,** Oakland, CA Sept. 2004 – May 2007

***Student Coordinator, Academic Mentor***

* Developed a yearlong teaching unit on culture, ethnicity, and identity
* Conceptualized a yearlong project for ESL students resulting in a journal of autobiographical works

**Eastbay Sanctuary for Central American Refugees**, Berkeley, CA Sept. 2004 – Aug. 2007

***Spanish Linguist***

* Served as an interpreter and liaison between refugees, lawyers, and government officials during legal proceedings
* Transcribed, monitored, interpreted and translated legal code for the provision of reliable and accurate source material

**LEADERSHIP**

**Associated Students of the University of California,** Berkeley, CA July 2005 – May 2006

***Commissioner of Diversity Affairs, Office of the President***

* Managed a $1.7 million budget for leadership-related events with the Chief Executive of the student body
* Analyzed 21 funding proposals and allocated grants to recognized student organizations

**California Alumni Association, Student Magazine,** Berkeley, CAJan. 2004 – May 2007

***Editor in Chief***

* Efficiently planned and managed projects for a nationally circulated publication in a deadline driven environment
* Led the development and launch of a diversity scholarship in partnership with two other major campus organizations

**STUDY ABROAD**

**University of Kwa-zulu Natal**, Education Abroad Program, Pietermaritzburg, **South Africa**, Spring 2006,

Courses in Apartheid/ Political Science, Art Studio, Art History

**University of California, Davis,** Summer Abroad Program, **Panama**, Summer 2005,

Traveling course on the integration of United Nations Development goals within Sustainable Agriculture and Tropical Ecology

**UC Berkeley Summer Abroad Program,** Florence, **Italy**, Summer 2004,

Courses in Italian Language and Italian Culture

**AWARDS**

**The Achievement Award Program**, substantial funding awarded to 12 incoming freshmen with extreme financial need who demonstrated exemplary academic success and leadership while overcoming difficult circumstances – 2003-2007

**Alumni Leadership Award**, based on exemplary student leadership, stands as one of the most prestigious awards on the Berkeley campus and the largest nonacademic merit scholarship in the country – 2005-2007

**SKILLS**

**Computer:** Microsoft Office: Excel, Word, Outlook, and PowerPoint; Adobe Photoshop, Final Cut Pro, strong Internet skills

**Languages:** Completely fluent in Spanish and proficient in written and conversational Italian

**Interests:** Avid photographer, physical fitness, community service, and travel to all seven continents