**Lydia Becker**

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**EDUCATION**

**University of Maryland |** College Park, MD Present

Doctoral Student in Criminology & Criminal Justice

**Villanova University** | Villanova, PA May 2022

B.A. Criminology and Sociology | Minor: Spanish

*Summa Cum Laude*

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office** | *Research Intern* May 2022 – August 2022

DAO DATA Lab Philadelphia, PA

* Produced data visuals for Philadelphia stop-and-frisk data in R
* Conducted literature review on the history of stop-and-frisk in Philadelphia
* Coded 1,000 firearm arrest reports for future research

**National Science Foundation** | *Research Experience for Undergraduates* Summer 2021

Wayne State University Detroit, MI

* Worked directly with Wayne State University faculty mentors on a selected research topic
* Developed an omnibus survey on sociopolitical sentiments to be administered annually to Detroit citizens
* Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in March of 2022

**Text Analysis of Online Police Forums** | *Research Assistant*  November 2020 – March 2021

Villanova University Villanova, PA

* Analyzed corpuses from online police forums using Voyant Tools textual analysis software to find trends relating to colorblind racism and racial profiling
* Presented findings at Midwest Sociological Society’s 2021 Annual Conference

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

### *Exploring the Link Between Police Officer Stress, Job Satisfaction, and Organizational Attachment*

### March 2022

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference

*A Textual Analysis of Online Police Forums*

March 2021

Midwest Sociological Society Annual Conference

### WORK EXPERIENCE

### The Philadelphia Justice Project for Women and Girls | *Intern* Spring 2021-Present

### Philadelphia, PA

* Work Directly with incarcerated women in Pennsylvania to promote commutation applications
* Advocate for the gendered interest of incarcerated women and girls through social media and petitions

**LEADERSHIP**

**Villanova Chapter of the Philadelphia Justice Project for Women and Girls |** *Founder* *& President* June 2020-May 2022

* Establish an engaging student organization that inspires students to advocate for social justice and learn about the criminal justice system
* Lead weekly executive meetings and monthly general body meetings for over 60 members

### Villanova Dean’s Coronavirus Community First Task Force | *Student Advocate* August 2020-May 2021

* Invited to serve on a committee of student leaders to provide the university with feedback and suggestions regarding the coronavirus pandemic

### Student Government Association | *Senator* April 2019-May 2021

* Propose bills for changes throughout campus
* Activist for the Student Voter Empowerment Act to encourage students to register to vote

### McNulty Institute for Women’s Leadership | *Equity Advocate* March 2019-March 2020

* Promote gender equity on campus by attending Think Tanks and regular meetings

### Community Outreach Villanova | *Elementary Tutor*  September 2019-March 2020

* Tutored elementary students in Philadelphia from 3pm-6pm every Monday

**AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Sutherland Medallion of Excellence in Criminology |** Villanova University May 2022

* Received the Villanova Medallion that is awarded to the top student in each major

**Phi Beta Kappa |** Villanova UniversityMay 2022

* Inducted into prestigious honor society

**Villanova University Social Impact Design Winner |** Villanova University April 2021

* Designed and implemented the most successful social impact campaign
* Led team of four students to present social impact campaign results against other teams to a panel of judges
* Awarded $5,000 to continue social impact campaign related to women’s incarceration in Pennsylvania

**SKILLS**

**Data Analysis:** Voyant Tools Textual Analysis Software; Qualtrics Survey Tools; R (beginning proficiency); Stata (beginning proficiency)