Alexandra M. Smith

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**SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS**

Highly enthusiastic and self-motivated criminal justice graduate student with a specialization in race, class, & gender issues in the field, particularly those pertaining to public policy. Has a very diverse background including classroom instruction and lesson planning, familiarity with family and civil court processes, management and organization of NGO's, quantitative research methodology, & statistical modeling and analyses utilizing STATA, SPSS, and Excel. Conversationally competent in Spanish with an advanced ability to excel in a fast-paced work environment.

**EDUCATION**

university of Maryland - College park, MD

* M.A. - Criminology/Criminal Justice, - May 2020
* 3.43 GPA – Fall 2018/Spring 2019
* Senator Ed DeGrange Scholarship Recipient (Maryland Higher Education Commission) - August 2018

university of new haven - West haven, Ct

* B.S. - Criminal Justice: Concentration - Victim Services Administration; Minor - Psychology– May 2018
* Summa Cum Laude Latin Honors (4.0 Cumulative GPA)
* Completed 6 credits studying criminal justice systems in Poland – June 2017
* Awarded "Most Outstanding Full Time Undergraduate Criminal Justice Student" - April 2018

**RESEARCH SKILLS**

* Advanced knowledge of Microsoft Suite Applications as well as Stata & SPSS statistical programming packages
* Knowledge of quantitative research methodology & application of statistical analyses in the social sciences
* C.I.T.I Program Certificate: Social/Behavioral Research, Conflict of Interest, and Social & Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research (Valid Until July 2022)

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

state of maryland judiciary administrative office of the courts: research assistant

july 2019 - present

* Temporary research assistant working on a project to evaluate the Maryland Judiciary Self-Help Resource Centers. Work includes administering surveys to self-represented civil litigants who have utilized the centers.

University of Maryland, College Park: Graduate Assistant

August 2018 - Present

* Independently lesson planned for & led 4 discussion sections of Introduction to Criminal Justice (CCJS100) Fall 2018 & Spring 2019 semesters

Superior Court for juvenile matters: court services officer INtern - New haven, ct

August – December 2017

* Observed & participated in case negotiations & in-court dispositions pertinent to families with service needs (emancipation, adoption, neglect & maltreatment) alongside relevant parties including court-services officers, attorneys, & social workers.

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE/PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

* Volunteer: Together We Bake – comprehensive workforce training and personal development program for women in need of a second chance. Alexandria, VA (March 2019 – Present)
* Member of American Society of Criminology (September 2018 – Present)
* Division of Women and Crime Member (September 2018 – Present)
* Attended 74th Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA (November 2018)
* Poster Session: “Examining the Interaction Effect Between Gender Identity and Degree of Patriarchal Attitudes Present on Perceived Risk of Criminal Victimization” at 75th Annual Meeting - San Francisco, CA (Nov. 2019)
* Member of American Criminal Justice Association-Lambda Alpha Epsilon: Psi Omega Chapter (September 2017 – May 2018), Chi Omega Pi Sigma (September 2018-Present)
* Attended National Conference in Cleveland, OH (March 2018)
* 3rd place National Scholarship Award, upper division; 3rd place Student Paper Competition Award, upper division (“Penitentiary Systems in Poland & the United States: A Comparative Discussion on Regulations & Outcomes”)
* Development Team Member: Teaching for Critical Consciousness Compendium at the University of New Haven (April 2017-May 2018)