

# Essma Nasher

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#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Know Your Place** — *California Central Valley Demographics*Quantitative project examining the correlation between racial background and food insecurity in the California Central Valley.

Implicit Racial Bias — Implicit Racial Bias and Region of Origin Quantitative proposal exploring causation of implicit racial bias measured through IAT based upon United States Region of upbringing.

# **Affordable Higher Education** — Tuition Increase Impact on Students

Quantitative research project in collaboration with Students for Quality Education and the California Faculty Association collecting data on student financial status and access to affordable education within the California State University system.

**Preferred Dating Methods** — *Personality Type and Courting* Mixed Methods research proposal studying correlations between single, college-aged individuals preferred methods of mate selection and sel personality types (extrovert vs introvert).

## **Successful Schooling Processes** — Conditions for Student Success

Qualitative project exploring relational conditions for Modesto Junior College schooling participants and students resulting in alienation or the fostering of academic success.

**Neighborhood Relations** — *Neighborhood Cohesion* Qualitative project exploring neighbor relationships, alienation, and community involvement.

## **ESL Student Integration** — Exclusionary Treatment of ESL Learners

Mixed Methods collaborative research project through Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society exploring ESL students in the Modesto Junior College system and lack of assimilation into student and campus life.

**Study Time, Income, and Grades** — *Student Status Correlations* Quantitative study on the correlations between students' time spent studying, income levels, and GPA.

#### **Academic Research and Methodology Curriculum:**

- Qualitative Data Analysis, 4 Units, PSU
- Quantitative Research Methods, 4 Units, PSU
  - Stata Statistical Software
- Qualitative Research Methods, 4 Units, PSU
- Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology, 4 Units, PSU
- Sociological Research Analysis, 3 Units, CSU, Stanislaus
  - o SPSS Statistics Software
- Contemporary Sociological Theory, 3 Units, CSU, Stanislaus

#### **PERSONAL PROFILE**

Aspiring Master of Sociology student at Portland State University passionate in fields of Social Justice and Social Inequalities. Experience in sociological research and proposals, budgeting, quantitative and qualitative data analysis, exceptional communication skills, community service, and academic excellence

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

#### **Graduate Research Assistant**

Portland State University College of Education, Portland, OR SEP 2018 - JUNE 2019

- Qualitative Data Analysis
- Literature Review

## **Member Organizer**

American Federation of Teachers-Oregon | Portland, OR APR 2019 - MAY 2019

- Graduate Employee Union (GEU) Member Recruiting, Activation, and Organizing
- Data Entry and Organization utilizing Knack Online Database software

## Canvasser/Community Organizer California Democratic Party | Modesto, CA

JULY 2018 - SEP 2018

 Assisted Josh Harder's campaign for CA 10th district, U.S. House of Representatives.

#### Intern

#### California Faculty Association | Sacramento, CA

JAN 2017 - MAY 2018

- Students for Quality Education Student Leader in Student Organizing and Mobilization
- Action and Event Planner
- Outreach Through Various Forms of Advertising, Graphic Design, Personal and Professional Communications, and Presentations
- Organizational Coalition Building
- Assembly Bill lobbying

## **Student Assistant**

CSU, Stanislaus, OIT Distance Learning | Turlock, CA

AUG 2016 - AUG 2018

- Camera Operation
- Mediasite Software
- Audio/Video Control
- Equipment Maintenance

## **ORGANIZATIONS**

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) MAR 2019-PRESENT International organization of social scientists working together to improve the position of women within sociology and society.

Alpha Kappa Delta

JAN 2018-PRESENT

Sociology Honor Society

International Sociology Honor Society promoting excellence in scholarship in the study of sociology.

**Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society,**International honor society of two-year colleges and academic programs, recognizing and encouraging scholarship among two-year college students.

**Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society**JAN 2013-PRESENT Honor society of the California Community College system, encouraging achievement, community service, social and professional network building, and striving for academic excellence.

#### Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanx de Aztlán (MEChA)

MAR 2016-MAY 2018

Mexican American student movement promoting higher education, culture, historia, and community building.

**Social Justice Collective** SEP 2017–MAY 2018 Dedicated to transforming the conditions which contribute to privilege and oppression

## **Students for Quality Education**

JAN 2017-MAY

2018

Formed 2007-2008 by students in the California State University system to build the student movement for educational rights in public higher education.

**Queer People of Color Collective**JAN 2018–MAY 2018
Organization founded for academic and social advancement of
LGBTQ+ and people of color studying at Stanislaus State and
nearby academic institutions

Progressive Alliance JAN 2017-MAY 2018 Alliance consisting of progressive organization at Stanislaus State, promoting inclusion, diversity and a strong stand against hatred and bigotry.

International Club AUG 2015-APR 2016
Promotes interaction between diverse groups and a learning
environment to educate about cultures and national identities

**Modesto Junior College Project LEAD**JAN 2016 - APR 2016
Project LEAD offers extensive leadership training

Anthropology Club JAN 2016-APR 2016 Encouraging interest, enhancing understanding, increasing exposure, and promoting scholastic endeavor of the student body, and the community in general, in the fields of anthropology.

#### **NAMI on Campus MJC**

FEB 2015-JAN

2016

Grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for Americans affected by mental illness

#### Student Coordinator

Modesto Junior College, Center for International and Undocumented Students | Modesto, CA

AUG 2014 - APR 2016

- Learning Abroad Library, Conversation Partners Program, and Intl Resource Directory Coordinator
- International Student Orientation
- CIUS Statistics Compiler/Analyst
- Window on the World Newsletter Editor

#### **EDUCATION**

# **Portland State University**, Portland, OR — *M.A. Sociology Candidate*

SEP 2018 - SEP 2020 Grade Point Average: 3.66

# California State University, Stanislaus, Turlock, CA — B.A. Sociology

AUG 2016 - MAY 2018

Grade Point Average: 3.8

Graduate with Honors: Summa Cum Laude

# **Modesto Junior College**, Modesto, CA — A.A Sociology, A.A. Social and Behavioral Sciences

AUG 2012 - APR 2016

Grade Point Average: 3.9

Dean's List: Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014,

Fall 2015, Spring 2016

Graduate with Honors: Alpha Gamma Sigma, Phi Theta

Kappa

#### **AWARDS**

#### **One Purpose Humanities and Social Sciences**

CSU, Stanislaus 2017 - 2018

**Bright Family Scholarship** 

CSÚ, Stanislaus 2016 - 2017

#### Robert Mantovani Scholarship Award

AGS Honor Scholarship Society

2016

## Desire and Eugenia Peron Award

Modesto Junior College 2015 - 2016

**Evelyn Mayman Memorial Award** 

Modesto Junior College 2015 - 2016

Silver Scholarship Award

AGS Honor Society, Upsilon 2015

Edgar & Mae Kimball Scholarship (2+2) Award

Modesto Junior College 2014 - 2015

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Modesto Gospel Mission, Modesto, CA

AUG 2014-DEC 2015

Home Community Church, Turlock, CA

JUNE 2012-JULY 2013