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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Student, Ph.D. Program in Sociology, The Graduate Center, CUNY, August 2011-Present.

Master of Philosophy, Department of Sociology, The Graduate Center, CUNY. September 2014.

Bachelor of Arts, Department of Political Science, Vassar College, May 2010.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant and Project Coordinator, CUNY Data Mining Initiative at the Graduate Center, CUNY, October 2012-Present.

- Administrative responsibilities include grant budgeting, drafting annual reports, preparing new grant proposals, coordinating seminar and workshop series, advertising and marketing of events, managing website and website traffic
- Research includes investigation of data mining techniques for the social sciences, curriculum design for graduate-level data mining course, investigation of assorted topics using educational longitudinal data

Quantitative Reasoning Fellow, Hostos Community College, 2014-Present

- Plan and lead workshops on quantitative reasoning pedagogy, including curriculum and assignment design
- Research the effectiveness of educational policy to improve quantitative reasoning at community colleges
- Provide mentorship to honors students
- Consult faculty members on curriculum and assignment design pertaining to quantitative reasoning in their teaching

Graduate Assistant, Immigration Seminar Series at the Graduate Center, CUNY, September 2013-Present.

Government Relations Graduate Intern, Food Bank for New York City, New York, NY, Summer 2012

- Analyzed and prepared internal research memorandum on Food Bank's internal historical distributions data and government funding trends to be used for future advocacy and outreach efforts
- Conducted comprehensive research on Farm Bill and prepared a Farm Bill information primer presented on Food Bank's website
- Prepared extensive charts and tables to display research findings

- Drafted and designed materials for postcard advocacy campaign and managed printing logistics

PUBLICATIONS

Attewell, Paul and David Monaghan with Darren Kwong. 2015. *Data Mining for the Social Sciences*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Kwong, Darren. 2014. Game Changing: The role that games play in social movements as pedagogical techniques. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Eastern Sociological Association, Baltimore, MD.

Kwong, Darren and Jonathan Davis. 2013. School Climate for Academic Success: A longitudinal multilevel analysis of school climate and school outcomes. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Collective Behavior and Social Movements; Sociology of Education; Sociology of Emotions; Racial and Ethnic Minorities

EARLY CAREER

Research and Administrative Intern, Freedom in the Press Annual Survey, Freedom House, New York, NY, March-August 2011

Research and Administrative Intern, Freedom in the World Annual Survey, Freedom House, New York, NY, October 2010-March 2011

Communications and Research Intern, Building Movement Project, Freedom House, New York, October-December 2010

Site Director and Coach, Vassar-Let's Get Ready! college preparation program for high school students, Poughkeepsie, New York, January 2009- May 2010

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, American Sociological Association

Member, Eastern Sociological Society

Student Representative, Faculty Membership Committee, Sociology Department, The Graduate Center, CUNY

Committee Member, General Education Committee and Earth Day Sub-Committee, Hostos Community College

SPECIAL SKILLS

Software:

- IBM SPSS Statistics
- STATA
- RapidMiner
- Assorted data mining packages in *R*
- Atlas.ti
- Python

Language:

- Cantonese: native speaker
- Mandarin: fluent speaker, advanced comprehension, basic reading knowledge
- Spanish: intermediate reading and writing knowledge

REFERENCES

Available on request