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EDUCATION

REED COLLEGE, Portland, OR

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, 2020

- Thesis: “Boxing Up Biological Race: Racial Frameworks in the Consumption of Genetic Ancestry Technologies.”
Advisor: Kjersten Bunker Whittington, Associate Professor of Sociology.

AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Phi Beta Kappa, 2020.
- Reed College Commendation for Excellence in Scholarship 2016-17, 2017-18, 2019-20.
- 2021 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting paper presenter, session on technology.
- 2020 recipient of Jennifer Hartman Seminatore Summer Collaborative Grant.
- 2019 recipient of Undergraduate Research Initiative Grant.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Department of Sociology, Reed College

May 2020-

- Explored the application of undergraduate students’ racial concepts to genetic ancestry technologies by providing 60 undergraduate students from three universities with a genetic ancestry test. Gathered survey and interview data to assess the extent to which learned frameworks of race (i.e. constructivism) provide a scaffolding for students’ ideas about race in the “abstract” (that is, in response to hypothetical questions and situations) and in the context of their genetic ancestry results, which are presented in a deeply personal and biological format.
- Developed manuscript for publication: “Shifting racial frameworks: How genetic ancestry results influence racial conceptualizations” (Riley and Whittington).
- Presented paper at the 2021 ASA Annual Meeting for the Session on Technology.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Shift Lead/Keyholder, Salt and Straw

August 2017- May 2021

- Wrote daily schedules, executed team task rotations, monitored daily/weekly sales, excelled in problem-solving with a focus on team-oriented solutions.

Notetaker, Reed College

August 2018- December 2018, January 2020- April 2020

- Supplied class notes for Reed’s Disability Support Services to distribute.

RELEVANT COURSEWORK & SKILLS

Coursework

- 2022 ICPSR Summer Program (*in progress*)
 - Machine Learning: Application in Social Science Research
 - Social Network Analysis

- Reed College
 - Sociological Research Methods
 - Sociology Research Practicum
 - Sociology of Science and Social Difference
 - Network Analysis and Social Structure
 - Comparative and Historical Feminisms
 - Sociology of Race and Racism
 - Race in American Law and History
 - Sociology of Culture

Software

- Stata, Pajek, UCINET, NVivo.

Language

- 2 years German language experience.