

Mackenzie Rutherford

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EDUCATION

Scripps College, Claremont CA

- Bachelor of Arts in Politics *Expected May 2021*
- GPA: 3.65; Dean's list Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019
- Major related coursework: Intro to American Politics; Marxism and Post Marxism; Prison Punishment Redemption; Social & Political Justice; Rural and Urban Social Movements; Civil Liberties and Fundamental Rights; Race, Violence, and the Law; Intro to Political Economy; History of the Police State; Intro to International Relations; Decolonising Public History
- Spring 2020 - Study abroad at Queen Mary University of London

EXPERIENCE

Public Relations, Partnerships, and Marketing Intern · KIN

June 2020-present

- Co-create and update a library of 200+ media outlets throughout the world across technology, business, finance, lifestyle, and culture
- Built relationships between KIN and 40 global influencers, business leaders, and political leaders
- Personalized two brands that connect with diverse leaders and people in finance, tech, and culture

Community Outreach Liaison · Pomona Employment Partners

January 2019-present

- Lead a group of 3-5 students during job-search and employment services drop-in hours at the city of Pomona's Hope For Home homeless services center
- Created and maintained social media and a database for job opportunities in Pomona
- Contribute to weekly leadership meetings
- Manage \$4,000 budget for Community Wellness project

Career Consultant · Scripps College Career Planning & Resources

August 2018-December 2019

- Manage front desk responsibilities while working on targeted outreach, organizational and logistical projects
- Provide one-on-one guidance for students in the job/internship search, job application process, and networking through drop-in appointments
- Researched and invited panelists for 2019 Digital Media and Journalism and Law, Government, and Politics panel to expose students to the industries; moderated Digital Media and Journalism panel to a full room of students

Campaigns, Fundraising, and Development Intern · Critical Resistance

Summer 2019

- Led research and an alternative-planning project that successfully contributed to moving the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to cancel the \$2 billion jail expansion contract
- Secured venue and speakers for 2019 Benefit Event with Ruth Wilson Gilmore in LA

Volunteer Technology Education Intern · Pomona Hope

August-December 2018

- Created and taught two lessons a week to 20 4th – 8th-grade students on the basics of technology such as computer usage, programming, and computer applications
- Encouraged and supported students through activities of empowerment such as public speaking and independent learning exercises
- Served as a mentor and resource to predominantly low-income students of color

Clinical Assistant · Mayo Clinic

May-August 2018

- Managed front desk, welcomed patients through the check-in process, ensured the comfort of patients in exam rooms
- Checked vital signs and assisted sonographers, doctors, and nurses in providing patient care

ACTIVITIES

Co-founder · Black and Pink Inland Empire Chapter

October 2018-December 2019

- Established a new chapter of the organization to bring LGBTQ-inclusive abolitionist education, awareness, and solidarity to the Inland Empire area
- Organized 2019 Metanoia exhibit and accompanying events at the Claremont Colleges, featuring various AIDS activist archival work from the holdings of the NYC LGBT Center and the ONE Archives at the USC Libraries

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Co-Founder and Member · *5C Leftist Coalition* *October 2018-present*

- Co-founded group intended to unify several leftist student organizations including Prison Abolition Group, Chiapas Support Committee, Claremont Student-Worker Alliance, Students for Justice in Palestine, Jewish Voice for Peace, Scripps Environmental Education and Development, Immigrant Rights Coalition, and Drop Sodexo
- Meet regularly to work with other leaders to organize events, collaborate on planning, network with other groups and support each other's projects and goals

Member · *Students for Justice in Palestine* *September 2018-present*

- Attend weekly meetings to learn more about the Israel-Palestine conflict and extend political education opportunities to the Claremont community

President and Treasurer · *5C Prison Abolition Collective* *September 2017-present*

- Increase awareness of the effects of the Prison Industrial Complex and the Prison Abolition movement through educational workshops, panels, event series, and speakers
- Lead weekly meetings and several groups working on projects such as event planning, fundraisers for affected community members, organizing students to take on projects
- Headed the leadership team for the club's annual "Abolition Series", a month-long event series of 11-13 events including art talks, panels, movie screenings, workshops, public art projects, and community gatherings
- Managed budget, recruited speakers, organized and attended all events for political education through the year
- Worked as a group to successfully turn down Measure SC in Claremont – a proposed 23.5 million dollar expansion of the Claremont Police Station
- Collaborate with organizations such as JusticeLA, California Coalition for Women's Prisoners, Critical Resistance, Riverside All of Us or None, Stop LAPD Spying, Free Radicals, and Crossroads Inc.

Member · *Watu Weusi (Black People at Scripps College)* *September 2017-present*

- Attend weekly meetings of the Black Student Union at Scripps
- Support and serve as a mentor/resource to other black students

English Language Learning Teacher · *Pomona Economic Opportunity Center* *January-May 2019*

- Taught weekly classes at the day laborer center to increase English working proficiency
- Designed curriculum with relevant language learning resources and skills for workers to learn

Participant · *Queen Mary University of London Future Global Leaders Forum* *January-April 2020*

- Worked with a team to improve the Institute of Directors' Student membership social media presence through analyzing Twitter and LinkedIn and creating new content
- Created a new campaign through Instagram to maximize student engagement
- Created a presentation outlining our findings for the Future Global Leaders Summit

SKILLS AND AWARDS

- Intermediate Spanish
- Scripps Samella Lewis Scholarship
- Scripps Bekki Lee Memorial Scholarship
- Mayo Clinic Dependent Scholarship
- Scripps Founder's Scholarship
- Scripps Grant Recipient
- Summer Internship Grant Recipient
- Scripps 2020 Newman Civic Fellow