



## **YASMINE LEILA KASRA**

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### **EDUCATIONAL/ CAREER OBJECTIVES**

I am a second-year undergraduate at the University of California, Berkeley majoring in political science with a concentration in international relations and an interdisciplinary minor in human rights. I wish to focus on international women's rights and contemporary rape culture. In particular, I wish to layer scholar-activism into my practical work on these issues, including my work with Rape-aXe, an organization working to globally distribute a female anti rape condom. I hope to study abroad in South Africa where gender inequities remain persistent. I plan to attend law school and pursue a career in public service.

### **EDUCATION**

- University of California, Berkeley: 2018-Present – Academic GPA: 3.946
- Agoura High School: Class of 2018 - Academic GPA (10-12): 4.3864
- Harvard University Extension: Summer 2017
- Yale University Extension: Summer 2017
- APEX Learning Virtual School: 8/14/ 17- 5/4/18
- Laurel Springs School: 6/21/16-4/22/17

### **COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS**

#### **University of California, Berkeley**

Course of study: political science w/ an emphasis on human rights policy  
Regents' and Chancellors Scholar Finalist 2018-19

**Berkeley, CA**

**Aug 2018-Pres.**

#### **Harvard Summer School- Harvard University**

Department of Government  
Course: Constitutional Law, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties

**Cambridge, MA**

**June 2017-July 2017**

#### **Yale Young Global Scholars, Yale University**

Politics, Law, & Economics

**New Haven, CT**

**July 2017-Aug. 2017**

## **INTERNSHIPS**

**Associated Students University of California (ASUC)  
Fall Legal Intern, Spring Legal Assoc. -External Affairs Dept.**

**Berkeley, California  
Aug. 2018-May 2019**

<https://yasminekasra.com/internships>

Responsibilities include the following:

- Conducted research on student fees, university policy, etc. and create memorandums of understanding between ASUC and UC Berkeley
- Ensured Senate resolutions do not jeopardize 501(c)3 nonprofit status
- Ensured offices and entities abide by ASUC Constitution and bylaws
- Liaised with other ASUC offices to draft potential policy or bylaw changes

**Dahlia Consulting Group LTD.  
Personal Assistant to President**

**Amsterdam, Netherlands  
June 25-Aug. 2018**

**Supervisor:** Louise Ginaid- Business Manager      B: (773) 466-9595  
louise.ginaid@dahlia-consulting.com <https://dahlia-consulting.com>

<https://yasminekasra.com/internships>

Responsibilities include the following:

- Assisted president of pharmaceutical and biologics consulting firm on assignment in Netherlands through Kite Pharma, a Gilead Company, for the successful European launch of YESCARTA®, a treatment for non-Hodgkin Lymphoma
- Maintained calendar
- Coordinated appointments
- Scheduled reservations
- Arranged flights, drivers, and pick-ups
- Attended company meetings, taking minutes where I gained valuable insight into the inner workings of an international consulting group and learned how to adapt and predict president's needs

## **RESEARCH**

**History of Contraception and Abortion in the United States  
Center on Reproductive Rights and Justice**

**Berkeley Law School  
Sept. 2019- Present**

**Supervisor:** Dr. Kristin Luker - Elizabeth Josselyn Boalt Professor of Law (Emerita)  
Faculty Director, Center on Reproductive Rights and Justice  
[luker@berkeley.edu](mailto:luker@berkeley.edu); (510)642-4038

Key activities and responsibilities:

- Conduct research for Dr. Luker's next book based on the history of contraception and abortion from the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century to modern day intended to inform the public of the historic lack of women's health care and present need for reform.
- Contribute 6-9 hours a week to the project researching databases for relevant articles, write 5-7 page literature summaries and analytic memos to pointed research questions, and edit drafts of previous memos.
- Utilize the Berkeley law library resources and online databases to collect information from sources ranging from interviews to law statutes.
- Attend research team meetings and one-on-one meetings with Dr. Luker.

**The Ambiguity of Death and Justice**  
**Supervisors:**

**Harvard University**  
**June 2017-July2017**

**Gabriel A. Katsh- Lecturer on Government, Harvard University**  
**Michelle Chun- Core Preceptor Contemp. Civilization, Columbia University**  
Case research focused on the complexities of capital punishment as it relates to freedoms expressed in the Constitution. Analysis of the intricacies of and restraints on the judicial branch. Understanding the role societal norms play in an attempt to define the abstract words of “cruel and unusual punishment.”

**The Influence of Increased Internet Access on Chinese Political Culture** **Yale University**  
**Supervisors:** **July 2017-Aug. 2017**

**Sam Leander- Instructor: Historical and Anthropological Approaches to Law**  
**Robin Czerowinski -Yale Graduate Student- Global Affairs**  
Focused on analyzing the freedom of expression in other nations with the Chinese block on specific internet media as a quintessential example. Examined universal human freedoms and the sensitive interplay in which diplomatic affairs are founded. Consideration given to economic and ethical implications of government restraints.

**ORGANIZATIONS**

**RAPrEvention- Registered Student Organization**  
**Position: President & Founding Member**

**UC Berkeley**  
**Sept. 2018-Present**

<https://callink.berkeley.edu/organization/RaPrevention>  
<https://yasminekasra.com/raprevention-1>

Key activities and responsibilities:

- Facilitate student body awareness through meetings and professor lectures
- Coordinate Tang Medical Center and Gender Equity Resources in outreach projects
- Work to develop a system of early identification of potential perpetrators and redirect the behavior
- Support non-profit organizations such as Rape-aXe, the developer of a female condom used to prevent rape in areas such as South Africa where sexual violence is the norm
- Assist with website translation/development; fundraise for prototype development and distribution

**ASUC Sexual Violence Commission**  
**Working Group Lead for Survivor Support**  
**Position: Community Member At-Large**

**UC Berkeley**  
**Aug 2019-Present**  
**Feb. 2019-May 2019**

<https://callink.berkeley.edu/organization/asucsexualassaultcommission>

Key activities and responsibilities:

- Research effectiveness of current campus protocol and resources in order to improve university sexual assault policies and procedures.
- Expand resources available to survivors and improve awareness across campus in order to facilitate a culture of consent and safety.
- Lead a working group within the Sexual Violence Commission (SVC) of the Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC) dedicated to building projects that support sexual violence survivors.

- Focus on the “Be Heard at Berkeley” project, which involves creating and distributing an anonymous online form for sexual assault survivors to share their thoughts and stories. These stories are then compiled and created into a blog called “Be Heard at Berkeley” to give survivors a platform for their truth to be heard in hopes of gradually changing rape culture today.
- Attend weekly team meetings and periodic meetings with UC Berkeley faculty members to ensure the project’s compliance with university policy.
- Communicate with other working group leads of the SVC to collaborate on overlapping aspects of projects.

### **Disabled Students’ Program**

**Note-Taker: Seminar on Topics in Law and Society  
Gender and Women’s Studies**

[dspnotes@berkeley.edu](mailto:dspnotes@berkeley.edu)

Tel #: (510) 642-0518

Key activities and responsibilities:

- Create thorough and well organized lecture notes for students whose disabilities hinder their ability to properly take notes in class.
- Upload notes on a regular schedule for greater accessibility.
- Ensure that the notes highlight key parts of the curriculum and thoughtfully display concepts in forms best suited for the material (ie. graphics, diagrams, flow charts, text, etc.)

**UC Berkeley**

**Jan. 2020- Present**

**Aug. 2019- Dec. 2019**

### **-The Music Connection**

**Private Violin Instructor**

[tmcberkeley@gmail.com](mailto:tmcberkeley@gmail.com)

Responsibilities include the following:

- Offer underprivileged children in the Berkeley community access to free music lessons so as to help alleviate the socioeconomic divide that restricts students’ access to the arts.
- Cultivate a welcoming and encouraging learning environment for the student so as to provide the most beneficial and profitable experience to the student.
- Create lesson plans for weekly private violin lessons.
- Teach one hour lessons each week with my student.
- Coordinate schedules with the student’s parents.

**UC Berkeley**

**Aug. 2019- Present**

## **ACADEMIC AWARDS & HONORS**

2018- Present UC Berkeley Dean’s Honors List- Fall ’18, Spring ’19, Fall ‘19

2018 UC Berkeley Regents’ and Chancellors Scholar Finalist- 89,000 Applicants 500 Finalists

2018 Alumni Ambassador-Yale Young Global Scholars Program

2018 Class Valedictorian- Agoura High School-Class Size: 560

2018 President’s Award for Educational Excellence

2018 Academic Excellence Award- 4.0 GPA maintained all 4 years high school

2018 Golden Seal State Merit Diploma

2018 California Scholarship Federation-Lifetime Membership- Highest Honor Chapter 805

2017 Yale Young Global Scholar

2017 Service Learning Bronze Award

2016 Service Learning Gold Award

## **VIOLIN/ ORCHESTRA**

<https://yasminekasra.com/violin>

Private Violin Instructor- The Music Connection (Aug. 2019-Present)

UC Berkeley Chamber Orchestra (Aug. 2018 –May 2019)

2018 National School Orchestra Award Recipient

Concertmaster- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair- AHS Advanced Orchestra and Chamber Orch. IV (2017-18)

Co-Concertmaster- AHS Advanced Orchestra and Chamber Orch. IV (2016-17)

Performing Arts Big Apple Classic 2017 Festival/Competition –1<sup>st</sup> Pl., Grand Champ.-NY

CODA- California Orchestra Directors Association- Violin-State Finalist- 3rd chair Dec. 2015

## **DANCE**

<https://yasminekasra.com/dance>

2019 Berkeley Thrive Dance Company (Feb.19-Present)

2018 Dance Team Nationals – Senior Soloist 15<sup>th</sup> place

Agoura High School Varsity Competitive Dance Team (2016- 2018)

Agoura High School Varsity Competitive Dance Team- Soloist (2016-2018)

West Coast Dance Explosion- top ten state finalist and scholarship recipient (April 2016)

## **MATH**

Junior Class Vice President: Math Honor Society - 2016-17

Sophomore Class Officer: Math Honor Society- 2015-16

Math Tutor- 2015-2018

Math Honor Society – 2014-2018

## **LEADERSHIP/ COMMUNITY SERVICE**

The Music Connection- violin tutor. UC Berkeley (Aug. 2019-Present)

ASUC Sexual Violence Commission- Working Lead Survivor Support (Feb. 2019-Present)

RAPrEvention- President/Founder (Sept. 2018-Present)

Rape-aXe- U.C. Berkeley Liaison (Sept. 2018-Present)

Vote Coalition- Voter Registration Coordinator (Sept. 2018-Oct. 2018)

Yale Young Global Scholar Ambassador (Feb. 2018 -Present)

## **REFERENCES**

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Professor & Chair, Latinx Research Center

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