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Priyanka Kapoor

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Politics – Environmental Studies

Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA

Expected May 2017

GPA 3.87

Semester in the West – Whitman College Off-Campus Study

Sept 2014 - Dec 2014

Interdisciplinary field study program. Studied the intersection of ecology, politics, and writing in the American West. Culminated the semester with an eight-minute podcast on rural identities and land.

California Scholastic Press Association – California Polytechnic State University

Summer 2012

Two-week intensive journalism workshop for high school students.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Politics Department

May 2016 – Aug 2016

Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA

- Spent 350 hours researching federally funded sex education with attentiveness to gender, sexuality, policy debates, and neoliberal discourse
- Wrote 10-page literature review including past research on sex education and health
- Identified sex-education related state and federal policies in last five years
- Compiled 20-page annotated bibliography on literature from past 5 years
- Shared research findings in bi-weekly meetings with Professor Susanne Beechey

PUBLICATIONS

Written Publications

- Kapoor, Priyanka. "A Series of Personal Reflections on Off-Campus Studies." *The Pioneer*, Whitman College; 2014.
- Kapoor, Priyanka. "Students rock the CHS stage." *The Cleveland Clarion*, Cleveland High School; May 2013.
- Kapoor, Priyanka. "Annie Parham wins back to back OHS art awards." *The Cleveland Clarion*. Cleveland High School; April 2013.
- Kapoor, Priyanka. "Annelise Cummings and Tony Yan get "Best in Show" at Portland Science Exposition." *The Cleveland Clarion*. Cleveland High School; April 2013.
- Kapoor, Priyanka. "Retracing the Past: Ten Cleveland students accompanied by teach Daryl Miles travel to Selma to relive the Civil Right Movement." *The Cleveland Clarion*, Cleveland High School; Feb. 2013.
- Kapoor, Priyanka. "CHS Crossfit reshapes fitness." *The Cleveland Clarion*, Cleveland High School; Nov. 2012.
- Kapoor, Priyanka. "CHS students at Reid." *The Cleveland Clarion*, Cleveland High School; Oct. 2012.
- Kapoor, Priyanka, Atticus Kleen. "Tastebuds" Food Column. *The Cleveland Clarion*, Cleveland High School; Dec. 2012; Jan. 2013; Feb. 2013; March 2013; April 2013.

Multi-Media Publications

- Kapoor, Priyanka. "America Reads America Counts Intern Documentary." Student Engagement Center, Whitman College; 2016. Online Video. <https://www.whitman.edu/student-life/student-engagement-center/>
- Kapoor, Priyanka, Emma Jones. *Row by Row, a series of Garden Tip Videos*. Yarcucopia, Alaska Community Action on Toxics; 2015. Online Video. <https://yarcucopia.org/row-by-row/>

- Kapoor, Priyanka. "Peace in Pieces: Rural Perspective" in *2014 SITW Podcasts*. Semester in the West, Whitman College; 2014. Podcast. <https://soundcloud.com/semester-in-the-west/>

Presentations

- "Who are we preserving it from: Rethinking Environmentalism" at Whitman College Power and Privilege Symposium, Walla Walla, WA; February 18, 2016.
- "Getting Out of the Way: Stream Restoration and Reparations to the Navajo Nation" at Whitman College Semester in the West Epiphany Readings 2014, Walla Walla, WA; Dec. 4, 2014.

EXPERIENCE

Executive Director, Power and Privilege Symposium May 2016 – Present
Whitman College, Walla Walla WA

- Annual symposium consisting of 50 sessions that investigates identity and oppression
- Run weekly staff meetings with four committee chairs and facilitate collaboration
- Maintain big-picture vision, pushing for more empowering spaces within the symposium
- Collaborate with on-campus organizations, staff, and faculty interested in leading sessions
- Book keynote speaker and organize closing events with collaboration of director staff
- Plan weekly co-sponsored events throughout the academic year
- Solicit period feedback from community and implement changes in the symposium structure

America Reads America Counts Intern, Edison Elementary School Sept 2015 – Present
Walla Walla Public Schools, Walla Walla, WA

- Work 5 hours weekly in local elementary school classrooms
- Coach bilingual students in math, translating word problems and honing math skills
- Work with students in groups of 3-5 to collectively solve problems
- Produced a 5-minute promotional documentary for new hires in the internship program

Co-Founder and Producer, Freedom Songs Dec 2015 – May 2016
Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA

- Co-developed a-cappella music concert that featured music produced by artists of color
- Arranged three songs and collaborated with three music groups on campus participating in project
- Provided vocal training for Freedom Singers, an a cappella group designed for the performance that exclusively featured students of color
- Organized logistical components of event, including sound, lights, venue, tickets, advertisements
- Ensured the funding and continuation of the project in future years with grant applications

Managing Editor, *The Whitman Wire* Jan 2016 – May 2016
Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA

- Facilitated changing the newspaper title from "The Pioneer" to "The Whitman Wire" by co-authoring public announcements, holding 3 community focus groups, and re-writing student bylaws
- Collaborated with editor-in-chief in final editing decisions for weekly written and visual content
- Sent all-staff emails, including weekly meeting announcements, deadlines and quote-checks
- Assisted with weekly production responsibilities, including layout design and graphic design

Resident Assistant, Environmental House Jan 2015 – Dec 2015
Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA

- Organized eight all-campus events, focusing on Divestment, food-justice, and sustainability
- Developed recycling education program to present to 18 first-year resident sections
- Facilitated weekly pick-up of all Whitman Residence Halls' recycling programs
- Cultivated community among 8 residents through weekly house meetings, week-night dinners, and bi-weekly house bonding events
- Collaborated with on-campus food provider to transition to reusable food containers

Summer Intern – Alaska Community Action on Toxics

June 2015 – Aug 2015

Anchorage, AK

- Developed curriculum and led 2 workshops for Community-Based Research and Environmental Justice Course on St. Lawrence Island, aimed at empowering rural, native communities
- Composed grassroots lobbying materials advocating for stronger toxic policies in Alaska and US
- Filmed and produced 10 non-toxic garden tip videos, *Row by Row*
- Updated 10 fact sheets and designed promotional material for 3 community events
- Coordinated logistics for donor celebration event, including invitations, food, entertainment

Web-Content Editor/Production Associate, *The Pioneer*

Sept 2013 – June 2014

Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA

- Managed and edited 12 blogging staff members and online content
- Posted twice a day to social-media sites and facilitated staff-wide social media contest
- Designed layout for Opinion or Feature page for weekly print newspaper

Editor-in-Chief, *The Clarion*

Aug 2012 – May 2013

Cleveland High School, Portland, OR

- Facilitated newspaper critiques with 30-person staff
- Assigned content to pages in monthly news magazine
- Oversaw the production of newspaper, including deadlines, design, and printing

SERVICE

Whitman Teaches the Movement, Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA

Jan 2016 – Present

- Outreach program that brings civil rights education to Walla Walla Public Schools
- Team-teach one-hour sessions in three classrooms every winter
- Participate in reflection activities at conclusion of program annually

AWARDS & FUNDING

- Distinguished Achievement Scholarship, Whitman College May 2013 - Present
- Perry Research Grant, Whitman College May 2016 – Aug 2016
- Chester C. Maxey Politics Award for “Best Junior in the Major” May 2016
- 2nd place in Portland Verslandia Poetry Slam April 2013
- Recognized as “Top in the Class” by the California Scholastic Press Association Journalism Workshop July 2012

REFERENCES

Professor Susanne Beechey

Associate Professor of Politics

Whitman College

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Relationship: Research Advisor, Professor, Mentor

Susan Prudente

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Relationship: America Reads America Counts Employer