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Spotlight on Amazing UIC Undergraduates



Kobie Price

Kobie transferred from Triton College last spring with the intent to major in Sociology and an interest in race relations and structural inequality, but he wasn't sure about how to pursue those interests yet. He attributes a class with Dr. Amelia Branigan, and the opportunity to do research with Dr. Rachel Gordon and Graduate Student Sarah Moberg with helping him find his passion and the right fit in the Sociology Department. He also says that graduate students Tim Adkins and David Springer were wonderful mentors to him. He is currently doing an independent study with Dr. Amy Bailey, of whom he says "She's just...the best!" With Dr. Bailey he is working on a network analysis project, learning a new methodology. He is also in the early stages of co-authoring a paper with Dr. Bailey and graduate student Erin Eife,

which has been accepted for presentation at the American Sociological Association's Annual Conference. Inspired by his research experience at UIC, Kobie applied and was accepted to summer research programs at Texas A&M and the University of North Carolina. He has decided to attend UNC's prestigious Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program (MURAP) where he will work as a paid intern researching and prepping for the GRE and graduate school applications. We are so proud that such a talented scholar found an academic home at UIC. Congratulations Kobie!

Carlos Garay

In early April, Carlos presented his senior honors thesis research on the media representation of juvenile justice crimes based on race at UIC's Campus-wide Research Forum for undergraduate research. He was selected as one of only ten students from UIC to join students from the other U of I campuses to present their research on April 26th to state legislators in Springfield at the "Posters Under the Dome" event. Carlos found that media portrayals (taken from Twitter, Facebook and Instagram articles) showcase "white normative" elements that humanize defendants far more frequently in trials of white defendants, in comparison with trials of defendants of color. His important and timely research conveys the subtle and highly impactful effect media outlets have in creating public perceptions of race. In this instance, the effect demonstrates a bias toward white defendants. State legislators, jurors and others in power need research like Carlos' to be able to advocate for and serve the citizens they represent.



After graduating, Carlos plans to look for a job in communications or youth mentoring, which is partly inspired by his Capstone community partnership project with the Communities in Schools nonprofit. With a start in such impactful research, we're excited to see where you land Carlos!

Would you be willing to help students like Kobie and Carlos figure out next steps after graduation?

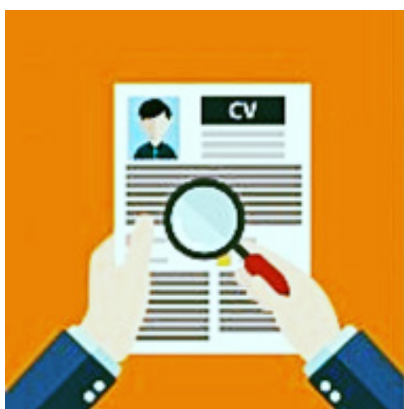


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In a vision session this spring, the dedicated founders of our Sociology Alumni Group identified a critical need of our students to have support as they graduate and start to navigate the job market or graduate school options. While a Sociology degree equips our students with skills that prepare them for many pathways, making the transition is not always an easy one. Upon graduating, many alumni have shared their sense of anxiety and struggles to find the best next step.

Enter the Sociology Alumni Advisors Network (SAAN)!

The Sociology Alumni Group is launching the Sociology Alumni Advisors Network (SAAN) this spring! The SAAN will work to pair new and recent alumni with more senior alumni who have related work and/or professional school experience. At present, **we are looking for alumni with a range of nonprofit, public or private sector jobs, and who have gone on to get advanced degrees in social work, law, sociology or related fields to help new graduates by reviewing their**

resumes and cover letters. Alumni advisors can offer a more critical eye than family and friends' reviews, but under lower stakes than situations where a job is on the line! We hope to grow the SAAN in years to come, so that advising can extend beyond resume and cover letter review. Please help us to get there!

If you are ready to join us, please email Kirsten at kander48@uic.edu and let us know:

1. **If you want to be an advisor!** If so, what are your degrees, current job and current place of residence? In what industries and/or in what skills are you interested in advising? (resume editing and cover letter editing and/or graduate school applications)
2. **If you want to have an advisor!** If so, when did you graduate, what degrees do you have, what's your current and desired next step?

Let the connecting begin!

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