

Curriculum Vitae

Alexander D. Bervik

Research Interests

Transnational migration, social policy and social welfare with special interest in refugee communities, community-based participatory action research, refugee resettlement, international social work, ethnography, wealth inequality, mixed methods research

Education

- 2017-2019 University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy & Practice
Master of Social Work – Macro Practice Concentration
Graduate Certificate in Interdisciplinary Studies in Global Human Rights
- 2010-2014 Colorado State University
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration – Accounting Concentration (Cum Laude)
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics - Actuarial Sciences Concentration (Cum Laude)
Minor in Statistics
Thesis: A prison vision: Implementing vocational and mentoring programs in prison
- 2013 Queen Mary University of London
International Exchange Student

Research Experience

- 2017-2020 The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
Qualtrics Consultant & Research Coordinator
Contributed to research with Wharton faculty and students by programming surveys and providing advice on survey methodology. Supervised research studies in Wharton Behavioral Lab
- Spring 2019 SWRK 799 – *A Comparison of Social Innovation in the United States and Canada*
Independent study supervised by Dr. Micheal Shier

Conducted a theoretical literature review to compare the mechanism of social innovation delivery in Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States

- Fall 2018 SWRK 798 – *Social Work Research Practicum and Seminar*
Research course taught by Dr. Ram Cnaan,
Developed and administered a survey to examine the impact of religious communities on returning citizens' employment chances
- Spring 2018 SWRK 614 – *Foundations of Social Work Practice II*
Research project for a course taught by Dr. Malitta Engstrom,
Conducted focus groups to study the level of acculturative stress for non-native English-speaking, first-generation middle schoolers
- 2014 *Coalition for the Homeless*, Washington, D.C.
Ethnography project where we slept and ate on the streets for 3 days to better understand homelessness and poverty and to better advocate for people who are homeless

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant

- Spring 2021 SWRK 811 - *Social Theory*
Taught by Dr. Roberta Iversen
University of Pennsylvania
- Spring 2021 SWRK 768 - *Social Policy Through Literature*
Taught by Dr. Roberta Iversen
University of Pennsylvania
- Fall 2020 SWRK 796 – *Family Economic Mobility: Problems and Policies*
Taught by Dr. Roberta Iversen
University of Pennsylvania
- Fall 2020 SWRK 601 – *History and Philosophy of Social Work and Social Welfare*
Taught by Dr. Roberta Iversen
University of Pennsylvania
- Fall 2019 EDUC 98 – *Service-Learning Practicum*
Taught by Pete Cerneka
Stanford University

Workshops

- 2019-2020 *Peer Mentoring Workshops*

Stanford University
Workshop series on how to be an effective peer mentor, given to student leaders of service organizations

2018 *Qualtrics Survey Design*
University of Pennsylvania
Workshop on effectively designing Qualtrics surveys, given to faculty and students at Wharton

Cohort Leader

2020-2021 *Frosh Service Liaison*
Stanford University
Lead a group of first-year students in effectively and ethically engaging in public service while at Stanford

Work Experience

2019-2021 **Cardinal Commitment Coordinator**
Haas Center for Public Service, Stanford University
Mentor and advise students making a sustained commitment to public service

2017-2019 **Operations Coordinator**
Philadelphia Gospel Movement, Philadelphia, PA
Connected faith leaders, social service agencies, and volunteers in collaborative service

2018-2019 **Citizenship Project Coordinator (MSW Internship)**
SEAMAAC, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
Ran the citizenship project in helping Southeast Asian refugees obtain United States citizenship

2017-2018 **Learning Coach (MSW Internship)**
Lutheran Settlement House, Philadelphia, PA
Offered one-on-one support, guidance, and tutoring for adult learners, while researching and formulating recommendations to foster adult learner persistence

2016 **Refugee Center Manager**
Alliance Refugee Center, Athens, Greece
Oversaw operations of a refugee day center

2016 **Outreach Worker**
Korskyrkan, Stockholm, Sweden
Oversaw service teams from the United States in assisting refugees

2014-2016 **Product Analyst**
Qualtrics, Provo, UT & Dublin, Ireland
Provided support for Qualtrics' customers. Onboarded new hires in the European headquarters

Service Experience

English Tutor

2017-2019 *English Language Program*, Philadelphia, PA
Met with students in the English Language Program at the University of Pennsylvania to practice English and assist with applications into English language higher education programs

2016-2017 *Spring International Language Center*, Denver, CO
Met with students to practice English and help adjust to living in a new country

Volunteer

2016-2017 *Hope in Our City*, Denver, CO
Mentored sixth and seventh grade boys, who are children of Somalian refugees

2014 *Homeless Gear*, Fort Collins, CO
Performed wellness checks and connected the homeless community to resources

Organizational Leadership

Haas Center for Public Service, Stanford University

2020-2021 **Co-Leader**
White People for Racial Justice Group
Lead discussions on how the Haas Center can be a more racially equitable organization

2020-2021 **Member**
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
Advance cultural humility and DEI practices

2019-2020 **Member**
Local Community Partnerships Committee

Strengthen relationships between the Haas Center and nonprofit
community organizations

Publications

Journal Articles

Shier, M.L. & Bervik, A.D. (in progress). Institutionalization of the mechanism of social innovation in Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States

Bervik, A.D. & Pineda, A.L. (in progress). Acculturative stress in first-generation immigrants in middle schools

Academic Blog Posts

Bervik, A.D., & Lee, J. S. (2019, March 6). Waterfront revitalization - A Canadian experiment in Toronto. *Wharton IGEL*.

<https://whartonigelupenn.wordpress.com/2019/03/06/waterfront-revitalization-a-canadian-experiment-in-toronto/>

Lee, J.S. (2019, January 16). Linear parks and real estate development. *Wharton IGEL*.

<https://whartonigelupenn.wordpress.com/2019/01/16/linear-parks-and-real-estate-development/>

Event Summaries

Bervik, A.D. (2017). International innovation through global migration: Canada – US – France. *French Treasury in the US*. <https://frenchtreasuryintheus.org/en/the-facc-philadelphia-organized-an-event-to-discuss-international-innovation-through-gobal-migration/>

Bervik, A.D. (2017). Resiliency to preserve art & culture: The Paris Agreement and how museums are preparing for climate risk. *French-American Chamber of Commerce*.

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