Sydney Sauer

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public Policy, Substance Use, Health Disparities, Criminal Justice, Stigma

EDUCATION

B.S., Sociology (Honors), Ohio State University, 2023 (Expected)

- Minor, Computer and Information Science
- 4.0/4.0 cumulative GPA
- Graduation with Honors Research Distinction expected

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, January 2022 - Present

Departments of Sociology and Political Science, Ohio State University

- Assisting with the creation of a survey studying perceptions of racial and gender wealth gaps (manuscript in preparation)
- Cleaning, recoding, and analyzing data using R and Stata

National Institutes of Health Research Fellow, May 2022 - July 2022 Department of Epidemiology, University of Florida

- Analyzed national database of overdose-related 911 calls for new insights about quality of care (manuscript in preparation)

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Yadon, Nicole, Lauren Valentino, and **Sydney Sauer**. "(Mis)Perceptions of Race and Gender Wealth Gaps: Correlates and Consequences."

Sauer, Sydney, and Lauren Valentino. "Stigma Associated with Fatal Fentanyl Overdoses: A Conjoint Survey Experiment."

- Undergraduate Research Thesis; expected defense April 2023

Sauer, Sydney, Nicole D. Fitzgerald, S. Andrew Mike, and Linda B. Cottler. "Naloxone administrations during non-opioid overdoses: A multi-state analysis of EMS dispatches, 2019-2021."

- Preliminary results presented at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence [CPDD] annual meeting in June 2022

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Eminence Fellowship (\$105,000), Ohio State University, 2019 - 2023

- Full cost of attendance merit scholarship (25 recipients/class)

Travel Award (\$500), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), 2022

- Awarded to attend the College on Problems of Drug Dependence

NIDA Summer Research Fellowship (\$7,300), NIH, 2022

- Eight-week fellowship covered travel, housing, and hourly wages

Cum Laude Scholarship (\$45,000), CHCA High School, 2015 - 2019

- Merit scholarship for outstanding academic achievement

AWARDS AND HONORS

Outstanding Sociology Senior, Ohio State University, 2023 Dean's List, Ohio State University, 2019 - 2022

- Awarded all semesters (AU19, SP20, AU20, SP21, AU21, SP22)
- Winner, TechPoint SOS Challenge, 2021
- Eight-week "hackathon" for technology-enabled healthcare

First Place, Safe and Healthy Campus Innovation Challenge, 2020

- Created adapter to safely drink from a straw while wearing a mask

Valedictorian, CHCA High School, 2019

Presentations

Conference Presentations

"Administration 101: Essential Skills for Growing Organizations"

National Harm Reduction Conference, 2022

INVITED TALKS

"Forget What You Learned in D.A.R.E."

TEDxOhioStateUniversity, 2023

"Social Justice Podcasts in the Sociology Classroom"

ASA Teaching Sociology Journal Webinar, 2021

POSTERS

"Resource Efficiency of Emergency Medical Providers' Responses to Non-Opioid Drug Overdoses"

Then and Now: 100 Years of the Departments of Economics, Geography and Sociology Celebration, Ohio State University

Selected Media

Interviews/Features

"Ohio Bills Seek to Decriminalize Fentanyl Test Strips"

Filter Mag, 2022

"Local officials vigilant as overdose death spike seen in Southwest Ohio"

Dayton Daily News, 2022

"Ohio Harm Reductionists Sue for Transparency in Opioid Settlement Spending Decisions"

Filter Mag, 2022

Op-Eds

"Why Aren't Politicians Doing More on Climate Change?"

Vox Media, 2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, May 2020 - December 2020

HONORS 1891: Eminence First Year Seminar, Ohio State University

- Mentored freshmen in the Eminence Fellowship program through weekly seminar on leadership and service
- Led discussions about Black Lives Matter and systemic racism

K-12 Math Instructor, February 2018 - August 2019

Mathnasium Math Learning Center

- Tutored and taught mathematics concepts for 10-15 hours/week

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of Operations, May 2021 - Present

The SOAR Initiative

- Leading the operations division of a statewide harm reduction nonprofit, including financial, legal, and HR management

SERVICE

Legal Clinic Volunteer, January 2021 - May 2021

Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR)

- Assisted clients in applying to seal their criminal records

Video Curriculum Developer, October 2020 - March 2021

Columbus City Schools

- Created a 7-video series highlighting careers in sustainability that was distributed to over 7,000 teachers in the district

Web Developer, November 2020 - February 2021

The SOAR Initiative

Designed and developed custom website for nonprofit

Student Policy Representative, June 2018 - May 2019

Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste Policy Committee

- Served on committee to manage allocation of \$3M community waste diversion budget and review environmental legislation

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Data Analysis

R (intermediate), Stata (intermediate), Python (beginner), Excel (intermediate)

PROGRAMMING

Java (intermediate), JavaScript (intermediate), HTML/CSS (advanced), Git (beginner)