

KAREN RESEARCHER

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A Year 3 undergraduate student with 1.5 years of psychology research experience and a strong interest in studying the effects of positive psychology on the psychosocial well-being of children and young adults.

EDUCATION

YALE-NUS COLLEGE

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, CAP 4.60/5.00

Singapore

May 2017 (expected)

- Minor in Economics
- Relevant Coursework: Understanding Behavior and Cognition, Abnormal Psychology, Statistics and Research Methods for Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Social Psychology

YALE UNIVERSITY

Study Abroad

New Haven, USA

Jan – May 2015

- Relevant Coursework: Research Methods in Emotion, Clinical Psychology in the Community

RESEARCH SKILLS

- Advanced proficiency in Stata, R, and SPSS statistical analysis software
- Basic proficiency in Matlab and Python
- Conceptualizing, recruiting participants and executing psychology experiments
- Languages: English (native), Bahasa Indonesia (intermediate), Mandarin Chinese (basic)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

INDEPENDENT RESEARCH PROJECT IN PSYCHOLOGY

Title: Influence of Positive Psychology on Community Building

Synopsis: The project investigates the effect of targeted positive psychology strategies in achieving increased psychosocial well-being of an undergraduate student community in Singapore, in comparison to a student group at a neighboring school.

Advisor: Prof. Robert Psychologist

Singapore

Aug 2015 – Present

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, YALE UNIVERSITY

Psychology Research Assistant for Prof. Amy Neuroscientist

New Haven, USA

Jan 2015 – Present

- Design, plan and run experiments to study the impact of psychological stress on memory and cognition
- Recruited 200 test subjects using targeted social media marketing and personal networks
- Presented findings twice to research and grants committee

ASIA ECONOMICS INSTITUTE

Econometrics Research Associate

Singapore

Aug 2014 – May 2015

- Evaluated recent economic policies in Indonesia as they relate to the country's competitiveness in Southeast Asia
- Liaised with policymakers, international agencies, and academics to obtain information in Bahasa Indonesia and English
- Drafted a 15-page working paper to be revised into an academic journal publication

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PUBLICATIONS

The Impact of Psychological Stress on Memory and Cognition **2015 (Under Review)**

Co-authored with Prof. Amy Neuroscientist, Department of Psychology, Yale University
Currently under review for publication in International Journal of Stress Management

HONORS AND AWARDS

Undergraduate Research Fellowship, 2015

Received full funding for independent research project in positive psychology.

Dean's Scholarship, Yale-NUS College, 2013

Awarded merit-based scholarship, covering full residential college fees.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES, YALE-NUS COLLEGE

Singapore

Student Wellness Coordinator

August 2015 – Present

- Promote and coordinate logistics for wellness events (workshops, tea talks, etc.)
- Pitch and organize activities aimed to boost student well-being and build a supportive community
- Research and upload wellness articles onto Yale-NUS Wellness Facebook page

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTRE, NUS

Singapore

Student Tutor

Sep 2015 – Present

- Tutor undergraduate students in psychology and mathematics twice a week

CARING FOR CAMBODIA

Siem Reap, Cambodia

Classroom Assistant

May-June 2014

- Taught 75+ class hours to underachieving students, aiming to create a holistic learning environment and motivate them to pursue higher education, increasing GPA for 60+ students.
- Designed and graded new test formats and provided personalized guidance during after-school hours, leading to better subject material retention for 13 students.
- Implemented a pilot after-school program to introduce new cultural experiences to 40+ students in a low-income community, thereby building a greater appreciation of diversity.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Yale-NUS College Student Research Journal, Co-founder and student editor, 2015-present

YNC_Hacks Club, Marketing Lead, January 2015-present

National University of Singapore Synchronized Swim Team, Vice Captain, 2013-2014