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ABOUT ME

A high-achieving Law (Honours) graduate with a passion for education, research and legal reform. Research interests include therapeutic jurisprudence, access to justice and equality in the law.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

2015 - 2019 • Bachelor of Law (Honours) Monash University, WAM 77.258, GPA 3.353
Maddocks High Achiever - awarded to top 25 Law averages, Honours Thesis Cohort - invited to author original thesis, Monash Travel Grant - Studied at Monash Malaysia and Monash Prato, Italy
2014 • Ontario High School Diploma, Sunway University, 96% avg
Jeffrey Cheah Entrance Scholarship, Best in Writer's Craft and Business Management

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Present - Business Law and Taxation Department, Monash University

Apr 2019

Research Assistant

Responsibilities

- Completing research and editing tasks to strict deadlines.

Achievements

- Invited to co-author articles. Recommended to other faculty members.

Present - CASH Bendigo Community Bank

Apr 2019

Youth Advisory Committee Member

Responsibilities

- Provide youth perspectives on products, marketing and community partnerships to the Board.

Jul 2019 - Centre for Undergraduate Research Initiatives and Excellence

Jan 2018

Research Mentor

Responsibilities

- Conducted original writing, presenting and research workshops. Designed original supplementary materials and lesson plans. Fostered mentee research.

Achievements

- Mentees presented at international conferences. Materials and lesson plans used as best practice.

Feb 2019 - Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC)

Nov 2018

Policy Research Intern

Responsibilities

- Completed research tasks for the 2019 Review of the Family Law System.

Achievements

- Research resulted in substantive changes in Final Report. Received consistent, excellent feedback.

Jan 2019 Shearn Delamore & Co (KL) - Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Vacation Program

Responsibilities

- Completed research tasks. Organised trial documents.

Achievements

- Selected for three research teams. Positive feedback from supervising partner.

- Jan 2019 - Apr 2018** **Monash Future Thinkers**
 Co-convenor
Responsibilities
- Led a team to organise a daylong conference to encourage interdisciplinary approaches to future challenges. Reported directly to Deputy Vice Chancellor's Office.
- Achievements*
- Raised \$8500+ in funding. 200+ attendees. 4.6/5 star rating from attendees. 1000+ followers on social media. Invited by Monash University to organise another conference.
- Dec 2018 - Jan 2017** **Monash University Law Review**
 Editorial Committee Member
Responsibilities
- Corrected citation and grammatical errors. Verified and collated sources.
- Achievements*
- Recommended for editorial position. Received consistently positive feedback.
- Jun 2017 - Jun 2015** **Mini Mozarts School of Music**
 Piano Teacher
Responsibilities
- Customised lesson plans for students aged 4 to adult to meet student goals. Communicated student progress to parents and management.
- Achievements*
- Students excelled in their exams and were chosen for performances.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Present - Sep 2018** **The Law Needs Feminism Because - Committee Member**
- Pioneering the first Australian chapter of this international movement, highlighting inequality in the law. Organising a photo campaign and launch event.
- Sep 2018 - Feb 2018** **Just Leadership Program - Women's Rights Group**
- Interviewed legal professionals and social workers to provide recommendations on improving the accessibility of the Family Law System for the ALRC's Review of the Family Law System. Organised a public family violence sensitivity training workshop in collaboration with Safe Steps.
- Present - Jan 2015** **St John's Church, Heidelberg - Choir and Youth Leader**
- Collaborating on weekly arrangements and performances. Organising youth lesson plans and activities.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2019**
- Transgender Women in Prison: Where the Real Risks Lie, Themis Says: Blog of the Feminist Legal Studies Group at Monash, Amanda Selvarajah
- 2018**
- An Independent Victim's Lawyer to Protect "Vulnerable Individuals", Honours Program Monash Law, Amanda Selvarajah (supervised by Dr Kate Seear)
 - Improving the Accessibility of the Family Law System, Themis Says: Blog of the Feminist Legal Studies Group at Monash; ALRC Submission, Shehara Skilbeck et al.
 - How the British Crown Acquired Indigenous Sovereignty, Reasonable Observer, Amanda Selvarajah
- 2017**
- Individualised Prosecution in International Criminal Justice, International Conference of Undergraduate Research, Amanda Selvarajah
 - Nearly Neutral: A Mediator's Best Bet, Australian Dispute Resolution Research Network, Amanda Selvarajah
- 2016**
- Questioning the Reliability of Forensic Evidence: A Lonely but Necessary Road, International Conference of Undergraduate Research, Amanda Selvarajah