

AUGUST RIOS

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EDUCATION

Yale University <i>B.A Sociology; Concentration in Urban Sociology; Certificate in Data Science</i>	New Haven, CT Expected May 2026
National Real Estate Institute <i>License in Real Estate Sales from the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection</i>	Cromwell, CT Jun 2024 - Aug 2024
University of Deusto <i>Study Abroad Program in History, Urban Sociology, and Spanish</i>	Bilbao, Spain Jun 2023 - Jul 2023

WORK AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

S.C. Applesseed Legal Justice Center, Housing Policy Department <i>Volunteer Policy Tracker</i>	New Haven, CT Jan 2025 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Track, analyze, and summarize legislation presented at the 2025 South Carolina Legislative Session to inform lobbying strategies and advance statewide initiatives for housing accessibility and affordability.	
Housing and Health Equity Lab, Yale School of Public Health <i>Research Assistant</i>	New Haven, CT Sep 2024 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assess the health impacts of housing policies, such as the statewide Right to Counsel and rental assistance programs.Write testimony for the Just-Cause eviction campaign, assemble community reports to disseminate lab findings to the public.	
Neighborhood Housing Services, Community Building and Organizing Center <i>Volunteer Project Co-Coordinator</i>	New Haven, CT Aug 2024 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify properties in Newhallville being sold by corporate landlords to sell first-time homebuyers at off-market rates.Design plans to engage with grassroots organizations to identify potential homeowners and support tenant relocation.	
Neighborhood Housing Services, Homeownership Center <i>Real Estate Salesperson</i>	New Haven, CT Aug 2024 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide real estate services to local homebuyers regarding the selling, buying, and renting of properties.	
Dwight Hall Center for Public Service and Social Justice, Urban Fellows <i>Co-Director</i>	New Haven, CT Feb 2024 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Connect 30 undergraduates with New Haven public service entities to expose Fellows to urban challenges and solutions.Oversee logistics, conduct weekly check-ins, and engage with community partners to identify volunteer opportunities.	
United Way of Connecticut, Housing Unit <i>Volunteer Project Coordinator; Data Collection Intern (Remote)</i>	Rocky Hill, CT Aug 2023 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facilitate a partnership between student volunteers and Connecticut 2-1-1 through the Yale Law School RAMP program.Design and manage projects to reduce the information gap in Connecticut by enhancing accessibility to resources.	
Connecticut Fair Housing Center <i>Audit Tester</i>	Hartford, CT Feb 2023 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify violations of the Fair Housing Act in New Haven by conducting both in-person and virtual audit tests.Write documentation reflecting on site visits to be utilized as legal evidence in court proceedings.	
FOCUS on New Haven, Dwight Hall Center for Public Service and Social Justice <i>Volunteer Leader; Director of Community Partnerships</i>	New Haven, CT Apr 2024 – Sep 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Designed programming to introduce 250 incoming freshman volunteers to the local public service landscape.Directed outreach to over 30 local public service and governmental organizations.	
City of New Haven Fair Rent Commission (FRC) <i>Volunteer Data and Legislative Affairs Intern</i>	New Haven, CT Aug 2023 – Sep 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conducted data analysis studies on complaint data about rental conditions in New Haven.Drafted and successfully lobbied for H.B. 5474 after meetings with state policymakers and housing reform advocacy organizations, establishing a 45-day minimum notice period for rental increases in the State of Connecticut.Led efforts that established a statewide Fair Rent Commission Coalition, a network of municipal FRC's across the state, to aggregate resources, standardize ordinances, and advocate for state policy using complaint data.	
Legal Services NYC, Right to Counsel Eviction Unit <i>Volunteer Legal Intern</i>	Brooklyn, NY May 2024 – Aug 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provided legal information and case updates to over 100 clients facing eviction, contributing to high client retention.Drafted Emergency Assistance advocacy letters for clients, leading to case dismissals through payment of arrears by the city.	

- Statewide Legal Services, Eviction Unit** Wethersfield, CT
Volunteer Project Coordinator, Data Collection Intern (Remote) Nov 2023 – May 2024
- Tracked the outcomes of over 100 eviction cases by reviewing docket information.
 - Served as the contact between Statewide Legal Services and a team of seven data collectors, monitoring training and progress.
- Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies (ISPS), Department of Sociology** New Haven, CT
Research Assistant Jan 2024 – Apr 2024
- Created literature reviews on the effectiveness of federal fiscal equalization policy, analyzing its strategies and outcomes.
- Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies (ISPS), Department of Political Science** New Haven, CT
Research Assistant May 2023 – Dec 2023
- Supported research on the impact of racial diversity on judicial sentencing outcomes by moderating chat room conversations.
- Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies (ISPS), Department of Sociology** New Haven, CT
Research Assistant Nov 2022 – Apr 2023
- Contributed to research on urban inequality by locating and categorizing fiscal enclaves using mapping software programs.

UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

- Yale Department of Sociology** New Haven, CT
Student Advisory Board Member Sep 2024 – Present
- Facilitate a newsletter, organize events, and disseminate course and career development opportunities to sociology majors.
- Yale Student Association for Small Claims Assistance** New Haven, CT
President, Co-Founder Oct 2023 – Present
- Create a student organization that seeks to provide legal information to individuals navigating small claims court cases.
- Yale College Intramural Athletics** New Haven, CT
Captain, Soccer and Volleyball Teams Sep 2023 – Present
- Organize lineups, game schedules, and team strategy to create an environment of camaraderie and collaboration.
- Yale Policy Institute Equal Justice Project** New Haven, CT
Project Member, Housing Equity Group Oct 2023 – May 2024
- Designed and conducted research on the local housing landscape to inform evidence-based political decision-making.
- Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies (ISPS) Democratic Innovations Student Working Group** New Haven, CT
Research Assistant Oct 2023 – Apr 2024
- Researched the efficacy of Polis software compared to traditional methodologies employed in public consultation.
- Yale College Council Events** New Haven, CT
Director of New Haven Engagement Sep 2023 – May 2024
- Designed and executed community-focused events in collaboration with local organizations and businesses.

AWARDS

- Millstone Public Service Fellow, Yale Institute for Social and Policy Studies (2025)
- Yale University Nominee, Truman Scholarship for Public Service (2024)
- Fellow of the Year, City of New Haven, C.T. (2024)
- Voyager Scholar, Obama-Chesky Scholarship for Public Service (2024)
- Summer Fellow, Dwight Hall Center for Public Service and Social Justice (2024)
- Director's Domestic Policy Fellow, Yale Institute for Social and Policy Studies (2024)
- Council for Latin American and Iberian Studies Fellow, Yale MacMillan Center (2024)
- Urban Fellow, Dwight Hall Center for Public Service and Social Justice (2023)
- Science, Technology, and Research Scholar (2022)
- Tartan Club Award, Heritage Classic Foundation (2022)
- Mayor's Service Award, City of Bluffton, S.C. (2021)

SKILLS

- *Computer Skills:* Advanced in Python and R Data Analysis; Proficient in Excel, ggplot2 Data Visualization
- *Language Skills:* Conversationally Advanced in Spanish