

# Miranda Grundy

Brown University – Bachelor of Arts, Ethnic Studies

## EXPERIENCE

### **OpenDoors RI, Providence, RI— *Americorps VISTA***

August 2020 – August 2021

As a VISTA, I helped OpenDoors build their capacity for criminal justice policy reform advocacy, tackling two major projects of statewide solitary confinement reform legislation and municipal level court fines and fees reform recommendations. I learned to work in coalition with other organizations, formerly incarcerated people who have been directly impacted by these matters, and local politicians. I supported and largely led the logistical work of a coalition with community organizing, policy centered research and writing, and campaign meeting facilitation. I successfully built meaningful and empowering relationships with various people across class and racial lines, and helped to create a sustainable long-term political coalition. As a VISTA, I heightened my communication, leadership, research, self-reflection and relationship building skills far beyond what I initially thought I was capable of and developed a lifelong passion for political advocacy.

### **Foster America, Boston, MA— *Intern***

January 2020

As an intern, I assisted with national child welfare agency research, workshop logistics, nonprofit finances, and organization of documents at a child welfare-based non-profit start up. I learned about the day to day operations of a national fellowship program that engages key stakeholders in the realm of child welfare and foster care, and became attuned to the interconnectedness of child welfare and issues like housing affordability, food insecurity, mental health, and substance abuse.

### **The Center for Urban Pedagogy, Brooklyn, NY— *Intern***

June 2019 - August 2019

Assisted with data entry, hands on projects, policy research, photography, and web design at a non-profit that uses art and design to break down public policy and make it more accessible to everyday New York communities in need. The projects I worked on centered around policing of NYC youth, school lunch programs, alternatives to the bail system in NY, and affordable housing policy.

### **Brown University Bookstore, Providence, RI— *Cashier/ Customer Service Representative***

February 2019 – March 2020

Check out customers and help replenish clothes and books on the sales floor. Assist customers by helping them find books, clothing, or office supplies and by making book recommendations.

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### **Rebelle Artisan Bagels, Providence, RI — *Barista***

January 2020 – May 2020

Make and serve coffee drinks, take bagel orders, and keep up with side-work in a fast paced food service environment. I balance 16 hours a week at this job and 8 hours a week at the Bookstore throughout the school year.

### **Seven Stars Bakery, Providence, RI — *Counter Server***

April 2018 – October 2018

Served coffee drinks, bread, and pastries to customers in a very fast paced environment. Learned valuable customer service skills, how to make coffee drinks, and how to keep up

## EDUCATION

### **Brown University, Providence, RI — Transfer Student**

-Bachelor of Arts September 2018 – May 2020

At Brown University, I studied Ethnic Studies, a social justice-based coursework of history, literature, and political theory revolving around the histories of various racial and ethnic groups and the social, political, and economic implications of those histories today.

### **Bryant University, Smithfield, RI — *2 Years Undergrad***

September 2016 – May 2018

At Bryant I studied a similar major of Literary and Cultural Studies and was beginning a minor in Human Resource Management. Ultimately, I found the school did not foster a culture I enjoyed and decided to transfer at the end of my sophomore year. At Bryant I also played Division 1 Field Hockey for my two years there and balanced my time well.

### **Smithfield High School, Smithfield, RI — *High School Diploma***

September 2012 – June 2016

I attended Smithfield High School and finished 4<sup>th</sup> in my class of 180 students with a GPA above 4.0. I took honors coursework and discovered my passion for literature analysis, social justice, and writing.

### Extracurriculars - Brown University

-**Member of "Railroad"** an organization that pursues prison reform and abolition initiatives. I specialize in a campaign called Fair Chance Licensing for formerly incarcerated individuals seeking employment, and pen pal relationships with people currently caught in the system. (September 2019 - Present)

-**Member of "H.O.P.E -Housing Opportunities for People Everywhere"** an organization that works with local nonprofits like RI Coalition for the Homeless and Direct Action for Rights and Equality (D.A.R.E.) to pursue affordable housing initiatives in RI. I work on their outreach team, going out in the community and providing resources and information to those experiencing homeless as well as addressing immediate needs like food, water, jackets, etc. (September 2019 - Present)

**Writing Op-Eds for The Brown Daily Herald:** Covered topics such as: Planned Parenthood Funding, Transgender Military Rights, Thoughts on Reckoning with Sexual Assault on College Campuses after the Supreme Court Election of Brett Kavanaugh, etc. (September 2018 – June 2019)

### Extracurriculars - Bryant University

-**Member of Bryant's Division 1 Varsity Field Hockey Team** (Daily practices, conditioning, or lift sessions all year and games twice a week throughout fall.) (September 2016- May 2018)

**Member of Bryant's Multicultural Student Union:** Creating and running cultural events and raising awareness of current social issues on campus. (I would have served as treasurer junior year if I remained at Bryant.) (January 2016- May 2018)

### Extracurriculars - High School

-Volunteer Work at Providence Area Food Pantries, Soup Kitchens, and Homeless and Animal Shelters (2015-2018)

-High School Activities: Field Hockey (Team Captain), Softball, School Musicals

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## PROJECTS

### Health Impact Assessment — RI Paid Family Leave Policy - 2018

For my "Policy, Culture, and Discourse that Shape Health and Access to Healthcare" class at Brown University, our final project was an assessment of what the health benefits of extending Rhode Island's paid family leave time to 6 weeks would be. We also spoke to a local small business to learn about the economic benefits of the policy, such as employee retention.

### Housing Affordability Assessment – Providence, RI Final Presentation - 2019

For my "Political Foundations of the City" course at Brown, I created a final presentation about housing affordability issues in Providence. It explores issues like studentification, displacement, landlord bureaucracy, and newly proposed bills to assist communities in need.

### Senior Capstone: U.S. Immigration Policy and The Myth of Meritocracy as Perpetuated by American Pop-Culture – 2020

My Senior Capstone is a publicly accessible evaluation of U.S. Immigration policy currently and over time. It examines xenophobia inherent to aspects of public policy, and the way popular culture figures perpetuate a myth of meritocracy that

hinders working class solidarity. I also offer potential solutions to pain points in our current system.

Presentation Link:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/104lIkD0jvk6ftjqb7gKPvAE5hlRP3xy8A8luGUa1WZ\\_E/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/104lIkD0jvk6ftjqb7gKPvAE5hlRP3xy8A8luGUa1WZ_E/edit?usp=sharing)

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Essay Link:

<file:///C:/Users/Miranda/Documents/Lack%20of%20Affordable%20Housing%20-Providence%20-PFOTC%20final.pdf>

Link:

<https://my.visme.co/view/mxr99mri-miranda-grundy-senior-capstone>