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Professional Profile:

A highly analytical and socially conscious undergraduate with a diverse liberal arts background, combining studies in philosophy, religious studies, and social sciences. Equipped with strong critical thinking, research, and communication skills. Passionate about applying interdisciplinary knowledge to address complex public health challenges, particularly those affecting minority populations. I am a social justice activist for the homeless, independent column writer and blogger with endhomelessnessinDavis.blogspot.com. Check out my soon to be updated blog at endhomelessnessindavis.blogspot.com. It is a peek into the sort of activities I have been involved in on and off for the last seven or so years while also going to college and taking some time to participate in internships and volunteer opportunities. The info listed below is a rough summary of my involvements for the last decade but it is by no means comprehensive.

Education:

University of California Davis 2002-winter 2004 Course work in Philosophy and humanities

Crafton Hills College

Associate Degrees: Religious Studies, Social Sciences, Philosophy

Graduation: May 2023

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

California State University, Los Angeles

Graduation: May 2025

Relevant Coursework: Cultural Anthropology, Ethics, Genetics,, Health, History,, Latin American Studies, Minority Health Issues, Philosophy, Political Science, Religious Studies, Statistics for Social Sciences.

Academic Papers:

(1). JM Klint, TM Hallam, Richard C. Cipian, Bruce Lyeth

Comparison of novel and traditional tasks to assess motor-behavioral function following lateral fluid percussion brain injury in the rat.

Journal of Neurotrauma, October 2003, Volume: 20

Conference: 21st Annual National-Neurotrauma-Society Symposium

University of California, Los Angeles

(2). Meier UC, Cipian RC, Karimi A, Ramasamy R, Middeldorp JM. Cumulative Roles for Epstein-Barr Virus, Human Endogenous Retroviruses, and Human Herpes Virus-6 in Driving an Inflammatory Cascade Underlying MS Pathogenesis. Front Immunol. 2021 Nov 1;12:757302. doi: 10.3389/fimmu.2021.757302. PMID: 34790199; PMCID: PMC8592026.

(3). Meier. Ute-Christiane, Cipian. Richard c, Karimi .Abbas, Ramasamy. Ranjan Middeldorp. Jaap M.

Cumulative Roles for different Viruses in Driving an Inflammatory Cascade Underlying MS Pathogenesis

Journal of Affective Disorders Reports. April 2023

10.1016/j.jadr.2023.100552

(4). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.20944/preprints202507.0322.v1>

Type: Review

Title: Oligodendrocyte Dysfunction to Autoimmune Pathology in Multiple Sclerosis

Authors: Richard Cipian, Bert A. 't Hart, Christine Mazstak, Mohammad Taghizadeh, Abbas Karimi, Moses Rodriguez

Submission received: 2025-06-26

(5). Same doi as above

Type: Review

Title: Oligodendrocyte Dysfunction to Immune Pathology in Multiple Sclerosis A Conspiracy of Herpesviruses?

[Richard C. Cipian](#) †, [Bert A. 't Hart](#) *, †, [Christine Mazstak](#), [Abbas Karimi](#), [Mohammad Taghizadeh](#), [Moses Rodriguez](#)

Submission received: : 2025-12-8

(6). Richard Cipian: A mechanistic model of primary Multiple Sclerosis Pathogenesis : Integrating genetics, Epstein Virus and Potential Tenofovir Intervention

DOI: doi.org/10.20944/preprints/202603/1789.v1

Talks:

University of California, Davis
Undergraduate Research Conference
Investigation of Gp96 heat shock protein in ocean invertebrates
Spring 2003

Tabriz University- Iran
Dept of advanced molecular sciences
Invited talk
Cumulative Virus model in MS
2022

Crafton Hills College
Cumulative Viral Model in MS
Fall 2022

Southern California Conference for Undergraduate research
Inside out virus model in MS
CSUSB-oral presentation
Nov 2024

CSULA Research talk
Poster presentation Inside out model in MS
Feb 2025

Roles:

Conducted literature reviews, data collection, and preliminary analysis.
Collaborated with faculty to prepare research findings for publication.

Extracurricular Activities:

The Voice. Medical Themed Undergraduate Publication UC Davis
Layout Staff
2002-2003

Ergosum, Bioethics/Medicine Themed Undergraduate Publication. Copy Editor ,
UC Davis 2004-2005

Fleet Feet Running Club

2002-2007

Weekly running and preparation for 5 and 10k races

Davis, Ca

Relevant Experience/Volunteer:

Research Assistant

Department of Neurological Surgery, UC Davis School of Medicine, Department of Neuroscience.
Davis, CA

January, 2003 – June, 2023

Davis Community Meals

Performed intake for clients of emergency shelter and transitional housing programs. Drug testing, observing clients, logging donations, closing up shelter.

2002-2007

UC Davis Medical Center

Sanitation of patient rooms and physician shadowing.

Intensive Care, Emergency Room and Mind Institute

Oct 2002-March 04

Clinica Tepati. UC Davis School of Medicine. Department of Family Practice Performed vitals, patient histories, and shadowed physicians. Was chair of the website committee and member of the patient referral committee. Transcript Notation

August 2003-Jan 05

Sacramento County Department of Public Health. Hepatitis C Task Force

2006

San Francisco Department of Public Health . HIV risk reduction/ outreach

2026

University of California, San Francisco. Positive Health AIDS Clinic.

Vollunteer. 2026

Community Health Partners, Uganda

Remote Volunteer

Analyzing grant opportunities for the non profit organization.

Leadership:

Student Services and Fees Administrative Advisory Committee (SSFAAC). Chair. UC Davis.
2003-04

Provides comprehensive oversight of student fees. Assures the highest degree of transparency and accountability regarding the use of student fees. Provides ongoing and meaningful feedback to the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and the Vice Chancellor of Finance, Operations & Administration, on issues affecting UC Davis students

Health and Well Being Committee, Housing Intern and Director of City/County Affairs,
legislative Affairs Intern. In January 2004. Associated Students, UC Davis.

The Health and Wellbeing Committee provides student input on campus safety issues for students and the greater campus community. As a housing intern it was my charge to coordinate UC Davis Housing Day where 70+ housing visit the campus and provide students with housing information and rental availability. I was the student representative on the City of Davis Affordable Housing Task Force. The task force was charged with creating a new housing element for the City of Davis. Every city must create a housing element and use it as a guide to allocate affordable housing and manage infill land in a city's borders. As the Director of City and County Affairs, I worked with the Davis City Council and the City Manager's Office on Housing and quality of life concerns which intersect with issues arising from students living in the Davis community. As a legislative Affairs intern I researched higher education issues for the Associated Students.

Grace in Action. Board of Directors

A non-profit in the City of Davis that provides respite for the homeless.

Attended board meetings and advised on non-profit functions and annual budget.

Jan-Dec 2006

Homeless Awareness Day 2007

Co-Coordinated a Homeless Awareness Day held at the UC Davis campus. Leaders from City, County and State government were present as were leaders of Yolo County non-profits dealing with poverty and homeless concerns. A speaker panel and a clothing drive was held. Feb 2007

Community Legal Information Center. California State University, Chico

Assisted a client with eligibility for Social Security benefits. Handled the correspondence with physicians and prepared a case and presented in front of an administrative law judge. Received

training from Law Offices of Dane Cameron. esq. J.D on Social Security Administration Administrative Law. Internship was an Opportunity as hybrid for a course requirement in Political Science-Legal Studies
Jan 2009-June 2009

Career development/Internships:

Internship in Policy Analyst. California Assembly Committee on Agriculture. September 2003 - March 2004. Sacramento, California

Eye opening experience in agriculture related policy. Proposing, researching and drafting CA state Agriculture legislation. Researching policy issues and preparation for California Assembly on Agriculture hearings.

University of California Student Association

Legislative Intern. Researched California legislation affecting higher education. Assisted with Lobby Day a day where undergraduates visit our California State capital, Sacramento to lobby representatives on legislation affecting their undergraduate and graduate education in the UC system.

Jan 2004-May 2004

Coalition for a Healthy California
2006

Policy intern

University of California, San Francisco
Positive Health AIDS Clinic
2006-2007 volunteer

Intern- California Department Health Human Services Office of AIDS. October 2005 - December 2006. Sacramento, California

Internship in public health learning about statewide coordination of syringe exchange programs. Head editor of a California Dept of Health and Human Services coordinated newsletter on Syringe exchange and infectious diseases issues. Studied recent medical literature related to efficacy of syringe exchange programs in decreasing blood -borne HIV transmission and attended policy meetings.

Awards and Recognitions:

Crafton Hills College Finish Line scholarship for academic excellence Spring 2023

CSULA Dean's List for academics fall 2024 semester GPA above 3.5

Crafton Hills College Dean's List Fall 2022 semester GPA 3.8

Community Service Awards: 1st and 2nd year awards for community service in the city of Davis and UC Davis, Office of Community Service, Faculty Advisor: Janice Morand, Ph.D.

Letter of Recognition: Judy Sakaki, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, for leadership to the SSFAAC committee and UC Council on Student Fees as member and Chair-Davis.

City Council Resolution: City of Davis, for participation in creating a city-wide affordable housing element.

Bonner Scholarship Eligibility: Accepted for the community service fellowship through AmeriCorps.

Certificate of Recognition: Service to Davis Community Meals.

Letters of Commendations California Assembly on Agriculture, California Department of Health and Human Services Office of AIDS, and Davis Community Meals

Merit Scholarship: National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine, Summer 2001. University of California, Los Angeles

Acceptance to Presidential Classroom. Georgetown University . Summer 2002

California Scholarship Federation. Lifetime Member: Academic Honors, Yucaipa High School, Fall 2002.

Certification/ Skills

Critical Analysis and Problem-Solving

Cross-Cultural Communication

Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods

Academic Writing and Presentation

Basic Data Analysis

Proficiency in Spanish

Microsoft Office Applications certifications, e.g., CPR and First Aid, Sexual Assault and

Domestic Violence training

References:

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