2022 HSS Scholar

JAYSON GULICK

Major: Sociology

Educational Highlights: During the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semesters of my senior year, I had the privilege of conducting my own research under Dr. George Dickinson in the form of a bachelor's essay. Also during Spring 2022, I was a teaching apprentice under Dr. Julia Arroyo for her Research Methods course. Both of these were not only enjoyable experiences, but gave me insight and preparation for what a future being a professor in the field of Sociology might look like. Being a tutor for the REACH Program during my Sophomore year also helped inform me of the diversity of student experiences and how to best tailor courses for my future students, regardless of their different learning styles. All of these opportunities have solidified my choice to pursue my future career in academia.

Research Focus or Project: My bachelor's essay, Loss, Big, & Small: College Students' Grief During COVID-19, surveyed 90 CofC students' experiences during the beginning of the pandemic. The survey measured the severity of different emotions, what losses students experienced and how those losses affected them, and what support systems they utilized and how helpful those were. Grief in this study was defined as the reaction to any form of loss, including losses of friendships, college experiences, and so on. The results will be given back to the college to help better tailor their resources for their students and foster a grief literate culture.

Future Plans: This fall, I will be attending UNC Charlotte, where I have secured a Teaching Assistantship, for an MA in Sociology. After this, I plan to pursue a PhD to reach my goal of being a college professor. Fields of Sociology that interest me most include Gender & Sexuality, Social Psychology, and Death and Dying.

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