

BURST Scholar

Mentors: [REDACTED]

Mentee: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]'s research project aims to investigate the alignment of policing individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) with the goals of mental health treatment. The project will commence with a literature review on the ethics of autonomy, followed by an ethnographic study within a local district attorney's office, focusing on police officers' Crisis Intervention and Behavioral Mental Health Training. Her main research questions asks whether policing individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) align with the aims of mental health treatment? [REDACTED]'s hypothesis posits that police and attorneys have insufficient training in mental health issues/rights and this contributes to a deficient in crisis intervention skills, leading to an over-reliance on involuntary treatment holds and adverse outcomes for individuals with SMI. She is well-suited to conduct this research given her previous research and scholarly training in philosophical inquiry. In addition, her internship at the San Diego Attorney's Office helps provide a means for conducting interviews.

Dr. [REDACTED] (Philosophy) and Dr. [REDACTED] can help to foster this interdisciplinary project. Together we can help customize the research plan to cater to the student's diverse strengths and interests. We will provide guidance on navigating challenges related to sensitive topics and ethical considerations in research. Our mentoring plan emphasizes creating an environment that navigates the intricacies of theoretical and empirical research. If given the opportunity, Dr. [REDACTED] and Dr. [REDACTED] plan to meet with [REDACTED] weekly. In the early weeks, we will discuss literature review methodologies and sources for the ethics of autonomy within philosophy and sociology. We will discuss equipment needed (voice recorder); interview questions and protocol for conducting ethnographic research. We will ensure that [REDACTED] adheres to ethical standards in conducting the ethnographic study, coding all identities and coding language from transcripts. Given that [REDACTED] has aspirations to work as a prosecutor, we know she will be emphasizing the importance of understanding intersectional identities and the impact of legal decisions on individuals with SMI. We trust that her work will be done with integrity. As co-mentors, we ensure that the Burst Scholar experience aligns with the [REDACTED]'s goals, fosters a growth-oriented environment, provides professional development opportunities, and offers detailed training for the successful completion of the research project. This research project integrates [REDACTED]'s academic interests with real-world applications and aims to contribute meaningfully to the intersection of mental health, criminal justice, and government policies.