

Nyla Howell

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SKILLS

Writing

Leadership

Project Management

Restorative Practices

Teamwork

Work Ethic

EDUCATION

University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC): BA in Geography and Environmental Studies and Sociology

Cumulative GPA: 3.94 | Expected Graduation: Spring 2024

Relevant Courses: *Physical Geography, Human Geography, Introduction to Sociology, Sociological Research Methods, Analysis of Sociological Data, Introduction to Geographic Information Systems, Sociological Theory*

HONORS

2023 Annual Hazards and Disasters Student Paper Competition Award (May 2023)

Ronald E. McNair Scholar REM 32 Cohort (Spring 2023- Present)

Residential Assistant of the Year, Erickson Hall, UMBC (Spring 2023)

National Aeronautics and Space Agency (NASA) New Jersey Space Grant Awardee (Summer 2022)

Jaqueline Hrabowski Scholar (Spring 2022 - Present)

France Merrick Foundation Scholar (Fall 2021-present)

UMBC President's List (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Fall 2022)

UMBC Dean's List (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022)

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Executive Board Member, Campus Food Pantry Manager, UMBC Retriever Essentials Food Pantry (Spring 2021-Present)

- *Oversaw pantry upkeep, food distribution, and semesterly volunteers.*
- *Planned and executed an establishment of an additional pantry location.*
- *Navigated operation continuity during the COVID-19 pandemic.*

Residential Assistant, UMBC Residential Life's Shriver Living Learning Community (Fall 2022– Present)

- *Led events and community building activities for UMBC residents*
- *Enforced UMBC Residential Life policies*
- *Advocated for residents and their needs*
- *Learned conflict resolution and counseling methods*

McNair Scholar, UMBC Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program (Spring 2023 - Present)

Friend of McNair Scholars Program, McNair Scholars Program (Spring 2022- Fall 2022)

Student Member of the Department Promotion and Tenure Committee, UMBC Geography and Environmental Studies Department (Fall 2022)

- *Developed a evaluative report that contributed to the decision to promote a Geography and Environmental Studies Department faculty member*

Peer Mentor, Member, Shriver Learning Living Community (Fall 2020-Spring 2022)

- *Mentored and supported first-year students in their transition to college life.*
- *Oversaw social media and events for the Shriver Center Living Learning community students.*

Related Coursework: PRAC -096 B: Internship Experience

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Shriver Center Site Student Coordinator, UMBC Retriever Essentials Food Pantry (Spring 2021-Present)

- *Oversaw and plan weekly activities for volunteers in the pantry.*
- *Aided volunteers in connecting their volunteer experience with their academic and career goals.*

Volunteer, The Union Church Production Team (January 2022-Present)

Volunteer, Institute for Diversity and Inclusion in Emergency Management (May 2021 - August 2021)

- *Assisted in building a disaster equity assessment.*

Related Coursework: *Community Service & Learning Practicum, Service-Learning Leadership*

WORK & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Dr. Lauren Clay's Disaster Health Research Lab (Spring 2023-)

Research Assistant, Rutgers University - New Brunswick (May 2022- August 2022)

- *Completed research project that focused on disaster subcultures in coastal New Jersey communities.*
- *Assisted with survey data collection and data analysis for other climate resilience projects under the NOAA's Consortium for Climate Risk in the Urban Northeast.*
- *Project : Connecting small business resilience and community adaptation: A case study of coastal New York and New Jersey*

Community Development Intern, Prince George's County Office of Homeland Security and Office of Emergency Management (July 2020- May 2022)

- *Assisted with social media content focused on promoting individual preparedness*
- *Supported various outreach projects to increase community disaster preparedness within Prince George's County, Maryland.*
- *Supported emergency operations during COVID-19 response*

Student Intern, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Individual and Community Preparedness Division Headquarters (Summer 2019)

- *Supported the division in planning for the FEMA's National Youth Preparedness Council's Annual Conference.*
- *Helped plan conference sessions for FEMA's National Youth Preparedness Council's Annual Conference.*
- *Learned about disaster management on the federal level.*

Co-chair, Mentor, Member, FEMA National Youth Preparedness Council (July 2017- July 2019)

- *Represented FEMA Region 3 as a youth advocate for preparedness.*
- *Oversaw FEMA initiative to increase financial preparedness for youth through projects and speaking engagements.*
- *Advocated for youth and minority preparedness at local and national levels through speaking engagements.*
- *Developed and published a Teen Hurricane Preparedness Toolkit and Teen Winter Preparedness Toolkit for FEMA Region 3*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2023 Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement Day, *The Impact of Disaster Subcultures on Business and Community Preparedness in Coastal New Jersey*, Oral and Poster Presentation (April 2023)

2022 Annual Meeting Middle States Division of the American Association of Geographers, *The Impact of Disaster Subcultures on Business and Community Preparedness in Coastal New Jersey*, Poster Presentation (October 2022)

2022 Rutgers University Research Intensive Summer Experience (RISE) Summer Symposium, *The Impact of Disaster Subcultures on Business and Community Preparedness in Coastal New Jersey*, Oral and Poster Presentation (August 2022)

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER-REVIEW

Howell, Nyla, Leichenko, Robin, Clemens, Maravilla, Cann, Katherine, Madajewicz, Malgosia, Solecki, William , Kaplan, Marjorie , Herb, Jeanne. (2023), *Disaster Subcultures and Community and Business Preparedness in Coastal New Jersey*, *The Middle States Geographer* (under review).