

NIMA SHAHIDINIA

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Pardee RAND Graduate School	Santa Monica, CA
PhD Candidate in Policy Analysis	2015 – present
American University	Washington, D.C.
M.P.P., Certificate in Public Policy Analysis	2013
Santa Clara University	Santa Clara, CA
B.S., Political Science, Economics	2010
U.S. Citizen	

SKILLS

Computer skills

Statistical Packages: STATA

MS Office Suite: Excel, Word, PowerPoint

Languages

English

EXPERIENCE

Assistant Policy Researcher / PhD Candidate	Santa Monica, CA
RAND Corporation	2015-Present

- Conducted a systematic literature review for a study estimating the ability of formerly opioid-dependent soldiers to be re-deployed after having undergone medication-assisted treatment, using DistillerSR to accept or reject over 2,000 compiled journal articles according to criteria specified by the principal investigator (PI) and our client
- Abstracted data from journal articles (accepted by a systematic literature review) regarding medication-assisted treatment for opioid dependence, using Microsoft Excel to note the sample size, treatment(s), and relevant outcomes (mean and standard deviation, or percent of participants) of each study for use in data analysis by the research team

Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Research Analyst	Washington, D.C.
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National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Authority Directors (NASADAD)	2013-2016
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- Researched state and national developments in AOD treatment and recovery, particularly opioid dependence and treatment, and produced research reports based on findings, including the development of Recovery Idaho, the state's first recovery community organization; the history of Rhode Island Health Homes; and an expository report on Washington State's Integrated Client Database (ICDB)

- Conducted inquiries of NASADAD's stakeholders, documenting the results, and producing briefs on current State practices in alcohol and substance abuse treatment
- Coordinated with national stakeholders from SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, including State Opioid Treatment Authorities, in order to plan and facilitate committee affairs, regular meetings, and annual events

Chief Operations Officer (U.S.)

Livermore, CA

Omeid International

2013-Present

- Conducting social media outreach and fundraising efforts in Metropolitan Washington, D.C., increasing subscribership by 13 percent and raising over \$1,000 in one month, in order to maintain the education, healthcare, and extracurricular activities of 12 orphan Afghan boys ages 12-17 in Mumbai, India, with annual program costs of up to \$18,000
- Establishing annual work plans, and managing consensus-based activities of Omeid International Board toward monthly benchmarks, including website maintenance and documenting updates from on-site staff and faculty

Public Affairs Intern

Washington, D.C.

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG)

2012-2013

- Managing data entry for project expenditures of up to \$200,000 for the Homeland Security Grant
- Contributed articles to The Yardstick by conducting research on developments in Metropolitan Washington, D.C., and reporting on various COG events and projects
- Providing logistical support for departmental projects, events, and committee meetings involving regional supervisors, police and fire chiefs, and other elected officials, including preparing news releases, brief speeches, and PowerPoint presentations

Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (SVCN)

San Jose, CA

Public Policy Intern

2011

- Co-authored a report regarding financial issues of over 200 nonprofits across seven counties, which SVCN published statewide, and presented findings to executive directors of community-based organizations from each county
- Reported to SVCN Board on Governor Jerry Brown's budget proposals, state budget updates, and the impact of budget cuts on nonprofit organizations and their clients
- Provided key staff support for rallies and events before the San Jose City Council and Board of Supervisors, including speaking at a City Budget Hearing before Mayor Chuck Reed

PUBLICATIONS

Peer reviewed

Kebhaj, S., **Shahidinia, N.**, Testa, A., & Williams, J. (2013). Collateral damage & the war on drugs: Estimating the effect of zero tolerance policies on drug arrest rates, 1975–2002. *The Public Purpose*, 11, 1-25

Other

HIV Coordinators Conference Call. (2015, August 5). National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD), “STDs among Transgender College Students in the US: The Role of Experienced Discrimination”

Capitol Hill Policy Reception. (2013 April). American University School of Public Affairs, Washington, DC, “Collateral Damage and the War on Drugs”

The Yard Stick. (2012, June 26). Minimizing housing and transportation costs in metro Washington <http://www.regionforward.org/minimizing-housing-and-transportation-costs-in-metro-washington>

The Yard Stick. (2012, May 31). Reaping the fruits of education in metro Washington <http://www.regionforward.org/reaping-the-fruits-of-education-in-metro-washington>

HONORS AND AWARDS

Pi Alpha Alpha

American University 2013

2nd Place – Mid Atlantic Regional of Policy Solutions Challenge USA

Washington, D.C. 2013

Political Science Honors Program

Santa Clara University 2010

Cum Laude

Santa Clara University 2010

Pi Sigma Alpha

Santa Clara University 2010