

# Ari Rios

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## EDUCATION

### Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

06/2018 - 05/2022

Cambridge, MA

- Bachelor of Science in Planning (Course 11); GPA 4.2
- Major coursework: Urban Design & Devel, Making Public Policy, Spatial Analysis + GIS, Computational Urban Sci, Housing & Social Stratification, Microecon + Planning Econ, General CS Data Analysis, Housing Justice Clinic

## EXPERIENCE

### Albertsons Companies - Shaw's/Star Market, Porter Square

Cambridge, MA

#### *Assistant Customer Service Manager; Person-in-Charge (June 2022 - Present)*

- As part of the Store Management team, supervise 50 front-end staff and management associates, achieving over \$100k in daily sales to about 20k weekly customers from around the Boston area
- As a keyholder, independently oversee another 100 staff and management in all other store departments
- Individually responsible for proposing, refining, and achieving site- and district-wide goals in food safety, customer experience, financial accounting accuracy, supply chain resilience, and workforce engagement

### Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services

Boston, MA

#### *MassHealth Social Services Integration Team: Health Care Policy Fellow (Summer + Fall 2021)*

- Developed Medicaid policy affecting 1.8 million MassHealth members through the Flexible Services Program
- Worked in independent and collaborative settings throughout the entire policy development and implementation timeline; created policy briefs, data analyses, and recommendations to agency leadership
- Made specific policy recommendations included in the December 2021 MassHealth 1115 waiver extension request
- Assisted in negotiations with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in Fall 2021

### MIT Educational Justice Initiative: Non-violence as a Way of Life/Authenticity

Cambridge, MA

#### *Teaching Assistant (Fall 2019 + Spring 2020)*

- Led class weekly inside correctional facilities in this unique opportunity for incarcerated students and MIT/Harvard students to take college-level for-credit classes alongside each other
- Worked in two Massachusetts correctional facilities at pre-release and medium security levels
- Assisted with grading, essay review, class/prison logistics (incl. transition to online format) and program outreach

### MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning

Cambridge, MA

#### *Researcher in "Hunger in the FL Heartland: a General Method for Food Desert Identification" (Spring + Fall 2019)*

- Launched the first interactive data platform to allow prioritization of nutritional assistance by block in rural FL
- Created maps of food deserts and the sub-county spatial distribution of food insecurity using Leaflet + Mapbox + Google Maps APIs under the supervision of Prof. Justin Steil (DUSP) & technical advisor Nina Lutz (Media Lab)
- Engaged community stakeholders across government, NGOs, and community groups to inform a model of food access based on varied geographic, demographic, and socioeconomic data

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Eviction mapping for Campanha Despejo Zero in São Paulo, Brazil (Spring 2021); Counselor for Active Community Engagement first-year MIT pre-orientation program (Fall 2019-2021); Boston Housing Court evictions research project (January 2019); President of End the Hunger childhood food security program (May 2017 - May 2018); founder, and summer research fellow with, a short-term mutual aid network at Okeechobee High School (May 2017 - August 2019)

## LANGUAGES + SKILLS

- Fluent in Spanish (heritage/family language)
- Programming: Linux/Unix, Python, Javascript (incl. React and Node), MATLAB, C/C++, Processing (Java and p5.js)
- Software: ArcGIS and QGIS, Leaflet.js, Mapbox.js, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, MongoDB, MySQL, Microsoft Office suite, Amazon Web Services, Google Cloud Platform