

Isabel Rivera

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Education

The Pennsylvania State University – University Park, PA

- B.S. Community, Environment, & Development (May 2026)
- B.A. Geography (May 2026)
- Minor: Politics & Public Policy (May 2026)
- Certificates: Justice, Ethics, & Diversity in Space (May 2026); Environment & Society Geography (May 2025)
- Honors & Awards: Dean's List (7 semesters), multiple merit-based scholarships, ARCUS Early Career & Travel Award, EMSAGE Laureate

Experience

Ethics Fellow – Rock Ethics Institute / Dr. Ida Djenontin | State College, PA (Sep 2025 – Present)

- Conduct qualitative data analysis with NVivo for ecosystem restoration research
- Contribute to peer-review publication; develop academic writing and review skills

Undergraduate Research Assistant – Environmental Demography Network / Dr. Guangqing Chi | State College, PA (Sep 2023 – Present)

- Support research through data analysis, collection, and organization
- Compile contributions for annual NSF reporting
- Manage project websites and social media; coordinate weekly team meetings

Teaching Assistant – Penn State University / Dr. Justine Lindemann | University Park, PA (Aug 2023 – Dec 2023)

- Graded assignments, monitored student progress, facilitated group discussions
- Assisted students with coursework to enhance learning outcomes

Undergraduate Research Assistant – Penn State University / Dr. Ida Djenontin | Hybrid (Jan 2022 – Aug 2023)

- Analyzed social media discourse on ecosystem restoration
- Applied qualitative discourse analysis to connect online conversations with ecological policy actions

Leadership & Campus Involvement

President – Gamma Theta Upsilon (Geography Honors Society) | May 2025 – Present

Recruitment Analyst – Alpha Delta Pi Sorority | Jan 2024 – Present

- Lead data collection/reporting for Panhellenic recruitment; oversee 10–15 analyst assistants

Peer Learning Assistant – Penn State University / Dr. Tim Kelsey | Aug 2023 – Dec 2023

- Graded assignments, monitored student progress, facilitated group discussions
- Assisted students with coursework to enhance learning outcomes

President – Community, Environment, & Development Club | Apr 2023 – Present

- Direct executive board, set vision, and coordinate faculty partnerships

Undergraduate Advising Assistant – College of Agricultural Sciences | Sep 2023 – Present

- Promote department programs and assist with advising outreach

Skills

Technical: ArcGIS, R, Microsoft Office, Google Workspace, NVivo, statistical & qualitative analysis, social media/website management

Interpersonal: Mixed methods research and analysis, written and verbal communication, teamwork, project management, critical thinking, time management

Certifications

- CITI Program: Social & Behavioral Human Subjects Research (IRB) – Expires Oct 2026
- CITI Program: Students in Research – Expires Oct 2026