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EDUCATION

DUKE UNIVERSITY | Durham, NC August 2016- Present

Master of Divinity Candidate, Divinity School
Awarded Merit Scholarship for Academic Performance at the Divinity School
magna cum laude

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE | Irvine, CA Sept. 2010 – Sept. 2014

B.A. | Women's Studies and Political Science
Undergraduate Award in Women's Studies
Senior Thesis: "Trayvon Martin in a Hyperreal World?"

LANGUAGES

Proficient Reading Knowledge of Classical Greek
Intermediate Reading and Speaking Knowledge of Spanish
Intermediate Reading Knowledge of French
Basic Reading and Speaking Knowledge of Classical Hebrew

INTERNSHIPS

Duke University Press | Durham, North Carolina October 2018- Present

Book Editorial Graduate Intern

- Assists editorial staff with administrative tasks in the acquisition and pre-production process
- Writes book descriptions for the editorial board review
- Formats manuscripts, acquires image permissions, and communicates with authors regarding payments and submission materials

Resource Center for Women in Ministry in the South | Durham, North Carolina May 2018- August 2018

Anita McLeod Fellow

- Organized new programming around LGBTQIA+ ministerial formation
- Created new database and resource files around various program areas

Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church (USA) | Durham, North Carolina September 2017- May 2018

Ministerial Intern

- Led worship services, workshops, study groups and programming for the congregation
- Assisted in the running of the 300-member congregation

New York City Office of the Mayor, Civic Corps | New York, New York January 2015- August 2015

Corps Member

- Organized service projects and national days of service
- Participated in direct service and management/networking/service-based trainings

University of California, Irvine Cross Cultural Center | New York, New York September 2013- June 2014

Community Programs Intern

- Organized speaker events with Elaine Brown, Helen Zia, and other political activist for symposiums and lectures
- Coordinator discussions and talks that fostered cross-cultural community engagement among students

WORK EXPERIENCE

FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | New York, NY May 2015-May 2016

Assistant for Homeless Ministries

- Managed outreach component of “Special Shelter Project,” which places chronically homeless individuals in transitional and permanent housing within a year
- Recruited and retained volunteers that staff a 12 bed shelter 365 days a year
- Conducted direct outreach for homeless persons in the Midtown East community by providing referrals, resources and other essential services

HOOR CHILDREN | Long Island City, Queens, NY

February 2015-June 2015

Coordinator of Volunteer Programs

- Recruited volunteers for programs that serve formerly incarcerated women and children who live in the Hour Children transitional and permanent housing facilities.
- Managed client and volunteer database system through tracking, updating, and writing monthly reports
- Conducted orientations for new volunteers, as well as coordinated speaking engagements at local organizations

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ASSOCIATE STUDENTS | Irvine, CA

July 2013- June 2014

Executive Vice President, 1 of 5 executive cabinet members elected by undergraduate student body

- Managed and allocated \$1.5 million budget in student fees for campus programming, payroll, and initiatives
- Hired and trained a staff of 70 students to campaign for local, state and national issues
- Coordinated an Orange County 15 week probation site for high school students at campus, and created a curriculum on alternative education for students on probation
- Assisted in organizing a nationwide student conference at UC Irvine as well as coordinated delegation groups of up to 140 students to attend both UC and national conferences

UC STUDENT ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS | Irvine CA

June 2012-April 2014

UCI Voting Member

- Elected board member charged with representing the 23,000 undergraduates at the university
- Created and institutionalized a school to prison pipeline campaign on a system-wide level
- Spoke on major California news outlets and newspapers, as well as, at press conferences, major rallies and meetings with high level California officials on behalf of the UC system, such as former Speaker of the Assembly John Perez, UC President Napolitano, and other state representatives

UNITED STATES STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS | Washington, D.C.

Women of Color Caucus Chair

August 2013-August 2014

- Coordinated and moderated caucus spaces representing constituents nationally from various campuses affiliated with the United States Student Association
- Implemented national campaigns and initiatives affecting women of color on college campuses

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Reality Ministries

- Volunteers with programming for adults with disabilities on a weekly basis

Rendall Memorial Presbyterian Church Mission Coordinator for Young Adults 2015-2016 | Harlem, NY

- Coordinates all outreach efforts for young adult ministry

Newark High School Mentor 2015-2016 | Newark, NJ

- Mentors 3 high school students through coordinated activities

University of California, Irvine Campus Climate Council 2013- 2014 | Irvine, CA

- Implemented diversity education town halls that ~2,000 students attended

Resurrection Community Church Violinist 2012 -2014 | Santa Ana, CA

- Played violin regularly during Sunday worship services

University of California, Irvine Relay for Life Co-Chair 2012 | Irvine CA

- Fundraised ~60,000 dollars to cancer research for the American Cancer Society

MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

~Has appeared in over ~25 articles and interviews~

Print

The Orange County Register, “UC chief pushes immigration reform, aid for undocumented students.” January 28, 2014

La Opinion, “Rechazo estudiantil/Student Rejection.” July 19, 2013

Radio

NPR KCRW’s *Which Way LA*, “California students respond to college loan rate hike.” July 10, 2013

