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EXPERIENCE

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT, Atlanta, GA Fall 2021-present

Graduate Assistant, Program Coordinator for Walker State Prison

- Coordinate between GSU Perimeter College and Georgia Department of Corrections
- Schedule student courses and track degree progress
- Work with office of financial aid to ensure funding for tuition
- Coordinate with professors (including ensuring proper training is complete and logistics like ordering course materials)
- Supervise interns working on social media content/communications and grant writing
- Grant research/writing
- Implemented Street Law course in partnership with the College of Law to be taught in both adult and juvenile facilities (this process involved developing a proposal and sample course materials including syllabus and assignments)

APOGEE COLLEGE PREP, Atlanta, GA

April 2020- Present

College Essay Coach/Consultant

- Tutor/Coach high school/college students on writing tasks related to college/transfer applications
- Optimize coaching strategy based on individual students learning needs
- Document student progress
- Collaborate with other coaches to ensure student success
- Communicate with parents/guardians

ALLIANCE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN PRISON

August 2020-October 2021

Director of Information and Education

Mellon/ACLS Public Fellow

- Program Development - Developed and Implemented initiatives and programming that centered on community voices and lived experience
- Staff Development - Supervised and supported other staff members in community engagement and program management
- Managed challenging interpersonal dynamics to maintain a positive and productive work environment
- Served on hiring committee
- Advocated for a more equitable funding model for the non-profit sector
- Conceptualized communications and social media campaigns
- Develop programming (including the annual national conference)
- Devised toolkits to support practitioners and programs working in the field
- Edited *The Journal of Higher Education in Prison* (copy editing, communications with authors and reviewers, layout of volume in Adobe InDesign)

REFORMING ARTS, Atlanta, GA

January 2018- August 2020

President of the Board of Directors (volunteer)

- Managed the Board of Directors
- Oversaw all board activities, including budgeting, strategic planning and fundraising
- Successfully wrote grants
- Managed the day-to-day operations of the organization in partnership with the Executive Director
- Corresponded with a diverse array of stakeholders
- Built relationships with external organizations such as universities and the department of corrections
- Coordinated volunteers

Instructor (volunteer)

Fall 2016- August 2020

- Designed and taught several college-level courses in state prisons
- Fostered collaboration and engaged in conversations on racism, sexism, classism, ageism, ableism, and other challenging topics

EMORY UNIVERSITY, Atlanta, GA

Fall 2019

Executive Administrative Assistant

- Supported the Office of the Vice President and Secretary of the University
- Prepared materials for board meetings
- Organized executive meetings
- Systematized archives

Administrative Assistant

January - August 2019

- Supported the Department of Political Science
- Planned events
- Managed budget
- Organized logistics of guest visits
- Designed website content and promotional materials
- Trained faculty on E-Learning and instructional design for the virtual classroom

EDUCATION

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Atlanta, GA

Expected May 2023

J.D. Candidate

EMORY UNIVERSITY, Atlanta, GA

P.h.D. English Literature (Research Areas: Critical Race Theory, Literature of the African Diaspora) May 2018

M.A. English Literature May 2017

Honors: Arts & Science Fellowship 2012-2017

Fox Center For Humanistic Inquiry Digital Publishing Fellow

Activities: Postcolonial & Global Studies, African American Studies Collective, Graduate Assistant in Still Image Processing, Graduate Assistant for the African Literature Associate Conference

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK COLLEGE AT GENESEO.

May 2012

B.A., *magna cum laude*, English Literature & Black Studies

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Jérôme de Romanet de Beaune Award in African American, Studies Chancellor's Scholar Athlete Award (Equestrian), Summer Institute for Literary and Cultural Studies, Commissioner's List SUNYAC

Activities: Varsity Equestrian Team 2008-2012

PUBLICATIONS

“Photographing A Subtlety or the Marvelous Sugar Baby: Kara Walker's Take on the Neo-Slave Narrative.”

Callaloo 40.4 (2017): 14-29 Johns Hopkins University Press. Print.

AWARDS

Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies Public Fellow 2020

30 Under 30 Nonprofit Leader from the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network 2019

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Web Design, Grant Writing, Social Media Management, Research, Communications, Decriminalizing Homelessness, Critical Race Theory, Literature of the African Diaspora, Prison Abolition, Higher Education in Prison, Arts-Based Education, Feminist Pedagogy, Mental Health Advocacy