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EDUCATION

Master of Arts, University of Wisconsin-Madison (Class of 2020)

Library and Information Studies (GPA: 3.7)

Bachelor of Arts, Virginia Commonwealth University (Class of 2015)

African American Studies + Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Side by Side

Housing Advocate

(September 2023-Present)

- Provides advocacy services for a minimum of 30 days. Services are catered to each individual.

I help set goals and teach skills that will help with independent living such as:

housing search assistance, resume building, job interview prep, budgeting, filling out job applications, filling out rental applications, how to connect to social services (i.e. Medicaid, food stamps, etc.), and developing connections with community resources

Virginia Anti-Violence Project

(June 2022-August 2023)

Survivor Community Specialist

- Managed individual caseload of clients experiencing domestic and sexual violence within the LGBTQ+ community

- Assisted clients with gaining access to resources including emergency housing, transportation, one-on-one counseling, and basic necessities

Bryant & Stratton College

(January 2022-April 2022)

Instructor

- Curating lesson plans and teaching as the primary instructor on a 3-credit course based on the basic tenets of the communication process and the need for effective communication to achieve academic and professional milestones

- Lecturing, grading assignments, and facilitating in-class discussions

Bryant & Stratton College

(June 2021-January 2022)

Librarian

- Managed circulation desk, ordered new books for campus, weeded out irrelevant books from collection

- Addressed staff and student information needs on the Richmond campus in-person and through email correspondence

- Created educational resources regarding ADA policies on campus, Gender Identity, and Library Usage

- Managed and updates Richmond Campus' LibGuides Website

- Assisted students with academic work and resume building

- Facilitated academic workshops

- Managed social media and marketing for all library-related events

UW-Madison iSchool Laboratory Library

(January 2019-May 2020)

Assistant Librarian

- Addressed patron needs within the UW iSchool's Laboratory Library in-person and through email correspondence

- Collaborated on educational resources with students on campus

- Co-created social justice-oriented and academic workshops

- Managed marketing for LGBTQ-focused projects and organizations

Rescuing Leftover Cuisine

(September 2015-October 2016)

Community Outreach Analyst

- Supervised operations of 100+ volunteers, rescuing over 15,000 pounds of food per month for the homeless in New York City

- Coordinated operations, volunteers, interns, and recruitment to maximize efficiency in transporting perishable inventory from donor organizations to homeless shelters and soup kitchens

- Managed media, publicity, social media presence, and day-to-day administrative tasks

- Worked directly with the CEO and Board of Advisors on outreach strategy to volunteers, donors, and charities

CERTIFICATES, SKILLS, & LANGUAGES

Certificates:

40-hour TEFL/TESOL Certificate

Bridge Education Group (February 15, 2021)

Spanish for Libraries

Information School, University of Wisconsin-Madison (October 26th, 2020)

Technology: SirsiDynix (Symphony), ALMA, Omeka, Adobe Illustrator (beginner), G Suite, Slack, digital media platforms (Twitter, Tumblr, Instagram, Facebook, WordPress, Pinterest), Microsoft Office, digital photography (Samsung NX 300), HTML and CSS (beginner), Mukurtu, LibGuides, Canva, Accuplacer, College Success

Languages: English (First Language), Telugu (Proficient), Spanish (Beginner), American Sign-Language (Beginner)