

## **AMY BRYANT, MSW**

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### **PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

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Proven leader experienced in macro level advocacy and working with marginalized groups with a versatile skill set. Skilled in research, policy, social work, humanitarian aid, DEAI, and equity advancement. Adept at executive support, facilitating partnerships, resource coordination and allocation, and strategic planning.

### **EXPERIENCE**

**United Nations Association (UNA)**-National Council Representative, Pride Affinity Group Advisor, and DEAI Committee 2022-present

**United Nations Association Boulder**-Board Member and DEAI Committee 2021-present

**United Nations Commission on the Status of Women 66th Session**-UNA Formal Delegate 2022

**Heart and Hand Center**-Co-chair Action and Advocacy Committee 2019-2021

**Accent Dental**-Chief Administrative Officer 2004-2016

### **EDUCATION**

**Metropolitan State University of Denver**-Master of Social Work 2023, 4.0 GPA

**Metropolitan State University of Denver**-Bachelor of Social Work 2022, Summa Cum Laude, 4.0 GPA

**Community College of Denver**-Associate of Psychology 2019, Graduated with Honors, 4.0 GPA

### **SKILLS**

#### **Leadership and management**

- United Nations Association (UNA) National Council Regional Representative-oversee operations in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah, strategic planning, chapter communication about operation logistics.
- UNA Pride Affinity Group advisor-strategic planning, creating goals to guide group for programming, educational events and LGBTQIA+ advocacy strategies, oversee co-chair elections, and created an orientation program.
- Formal Delegate 2022 United Nations (UN) Commission on the Status of Women on gender equity and the empowerment of women and girls regarding climate change.
- [Project Rocky Mountain Region](#) initiative to provide low-cost internet access and digital equity to Indigenous communities for access to healthcare, education, and employment.

- Founded S.H.A.R.E. (Student Homelessness, Advocacy, Research and Education), on Auraria Campus for emergency relief and crisis responses for students with food and housing insecurity.
- Managed caseload of over 400 patients in a mid-sized dental practice, supervised two employees, responsible for all patient communications, claim processing, invoicing, data management, maintained patient confidentiality, and ensured compliance with state and federal standards. Provided executive support including calendar management, preparing reports, website management, and travel arrangements.

### **Policy research, advocacy, and lobbying**

- Researched the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals of eradication of poverty, good health, and safety with an intersectional lens and how they are applied to LGBTQIA+ individuals worldwide to advocate for improvements. This report is available on [my website](#).
- Advocated for LGBTQIA+ youth for [Arizona SB 1138](#) that denies gender-affirming care to defend service access, preserve their rights, promote good mental health, and foster understanding of transgender and intersex issues.
- Identified policies that impact refugees, LGBTQIA+ individuals and Indigenous communities to advocate for improving and expanding resources.
- Contributed to 2022 [UNA Shadow Report](#) for Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) on recommendations for Indigenous and immigration rights, and women's reproductive rights; this was shared with representatives in U.S. government and UN.
- Contributed to 2018 Denver mayoral candidate Kayvan Khalatbari's housing first policy to uphold the dignity and rights of the unhoused population in the Denver area.
- Spoke at the Colorado State Capitol in 2018 to support the Right to Rest Act to decriminalize homelessness and advance long-term housing solutions.

### **Research**

- Submitted research to the [UN call for input](#) regarding colonial regulation of gender identity and sexual orientation via laws and policies and how they impact the lives of LGBTQIA+ individuals. This will be presented at the 78th session of the UN General Assembly and found on [my website](#).
- Organized Community College of Denver's inclusion in [Temple University's national survey](#) for food and housing insecurity among college students. This was used to inform delivery of resources to students at the Community College of Denver, Metropolitan State University Denver, and the University of Colorado.

### **Program evaluation and program development**

- Performed program evaluation and presentation for UNA on improving operations and increasing BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ representation.
- Developed pilot program that connected over 200 Afghan refugees to internet and phone service. This programming is a model for events in Colorado, Utah, and New Mexico.

### **Needs assessment and community engagement**

- Needs assessment for Afghan refugees in Colorado to connect them with resources.
- Needs assessment for LGBTQIA+ youth in Denver to advocate for mental health access.

## **Strategic partnerships**

- Partnered with Comcast, grassroots organizations, and refugee agencies to collaborate on internet access for refugees and Indigenous communities.
- Collaborated on a [PSA](#) to raise awareness of UNA and attract new members and stakeholders.

## **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP**

Vice president, Psi Beta National Honor Society Community College of Denver chapter / Volunteer, Samaritan House / Volunteer, Marisol Homes / Volunteer, Heart and Hand

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society / Psi Beta Honor Society / President's Service Award Community College of Denver / Grit Award Community College of Denver / President's Honor Roll MSU Denver

## **Invited Talks**

- Virtual panel discussion with the [Public Relations Society of America \(PRSA\)](#) on broadband equity and how it relates to the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals. (October 2022).
- Virtual panel with [Women of Color Advancing Peace, Security, and Conflict Transformation and Global Freedom Group](#) on Achieving Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and Girls in the Digital Age on digital inequity and online harassment that women experience. (June 2023).
- [UNA Women Podcast](#) about the history of Pride Month and UN initiatives to protect LGBTQIA+ communities. (June 2023).
- Panel on [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) and how it intersects with the LGBTQIA+ community. (June 2023).

## **Conference Participation**

- Policy Advocate Lead for UNA 2022 and 2023 Leadership Summits in Washington, D.C. to make the case for continued U.S. support for the UN through meeting with elected officials.
- UNA 2023 Global Engagement Summit at the UN Headquarters to empower UNA members to advocate for human rights, climate justice, and peace.