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**Education**

M.S.W., School of Social Work, Portland State University, September 2018

M.A., American Studies, University of New Mexico, 2009  
Thesis: "The Life and Death of Anna Mae Pictou Aquash"

B.A., English Literature, Minor in Women's Studies, Southern Oregon University, 2007  
Capstone: "The Speechless Maternal: Breaking the Silence in Toni Morrison's *Beloved*"  
Women's Studies Practicum: "Social Weapons of Destruction: An Investigation of the Death of Nick Hanson"

**Publications**

"Merging Perspectives: Internalized Oppression and Racial Ideology in Contemporary Narratives by Native American Women," *Southern Oregon University McNair Scholars Journal*, 3 (2007): 93-102

"Community or Commodity? Questioning the Death of Nick Hanson," *Superficial Safety*, January 2007

**Certificates and Licenses**

Clinical Social Work Associate License A5501, Oregon State Board of Licensed Social Workers, Exp. September 30, 2020

Human Services Management Certificate, *Network for Social Work Management*

SBIRT for Behavioral Health Specialists, *SBIRT Oregon Training Initiative, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)*

**Academic Work Experience**

**Instructor**, Southern Oregon University, Ashland, OR. Winter 2012-Spring 2016  
Courses taught include: Introduction to Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies; Introduction to Sociology; U.S. Contemporary Women's Movements; Sociology of the Family; Poverty, Family, and Policy; Social Problems and Policy; Sexual Politics in U.S. History; and Intro to Domestic Violence

**Adjunct Instructor**, Rogue Community College, Riverside Campus, OR. Fall 2010 – present  
Courses taught include: Multicultural America, Race and Ethnicity, Introduction to Sociology, American Society, Social Deviance and Social Control, and Social Problems

**Guest Lecturer**, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, 2009  
Introduction to Race, Class and Ethnicity and Introduction to Gender Studies

**Technical Support and Research Assistant**, American Studies Department, University of New Mexico, 2008-9

**Research Assistant**, University of New Mexico, 2007-8

**Teaching and Research Assistant**, Southern Oregon University, 2006-7

### **Professional Work Experience**

**Therapist**, Resonance Therapy, LLC and R.A.A.P. Counseling and Consulting, Portland, OR. July 2020 – present.

**Intake Counselor**, CARES Northwest, Legacy Health System, Portland, OR. July 2019 – August 2020.

**Equity Consultant and Facilitator**, Center for Equity and Inclusion, Portland, OR. June 2018 – July 2019

**Health Equity Coordinator**, Southern Oregon Health Equity Coalition (SO Health-E), Health Care Coalition of Southern Oregon, Medford, OR. February 2017 – August 2018

**Qualified Mental Health Professional and Social Work Generalist Intern**, Jackson County Mental Health, Medford, OR. August 2016 – June 2017

**Community Education and Outreach Coordinator**, Sojourn Services For Battered Women And Their Children, a project of OPCC, Santa Monica, CA. September 2012 - May 2013

**Volunteer Coordinator**, Community Works Victim Services, Medford, OR, 2009-11

**Co-Facilitator** (and co-creator of workshop series), *Communicating Across Differences*, Public Allies (AmeriCorps), Albuquerque, NM 2008-9.

**Special Projects Coordinator**, Young Women United, Albuquerque, NM, 2007-8

### **Areas of Academic and Professional Interest**

Healing-centered Engagement and Service Delivery  
Women, Sexuality and Gender Studies  
Interpersonal Neurobiology and Trauma

Anti-Oppressive Practice  
Attachment-Based Therapy  
Critical Mixed Race Studies  
Policy and Advocacy

### **Presentations and Trainings Delivered**

“Heal(th) + Equity”, Keynote Speaker, *Minnesota Adolescent Sexual Health Summit*, Health

Care Education & Training, Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN. September 9, 2019

“Advancing Health Equity Through Community Engagement, Cross-Sector Partnerships, and Policy and Systems Change,” *Embracing Equity, Improving Health*, Oregon and SW Washington Health Literacy Conference, March 23, 2018

“LGBTQ Cultural Literacy: Best Practices for Juvenile Justice,” *Oregon Juvenile Department Directors Association Annual Conference*, OJDDA, September 2015.

“LGBTQ Cultural Literacy: Best Practices for Law Enforcement,” Facilitated Training, Jackson County Sherriff’s Office, May 2015

“Cultural Development Training,” Maslow Project, March 20, 2014 and August 2015.

“Bullying: A Multicultural Perspective,” *My Story, Your Story* Series, Not Straight Not Sure Collaboration, Lotus Rising Project, 2012

“Trans-Feminism: A Look at Feminism in Relation to Gender and Sexuality” *My Story, Your Story* Series, Not Straight Not Sure Collaboration, Lotus Rising Project, Nov 28, 2011

Community Works Victim Services Volunteer Advocacy Training, tri-annual, 40-hour trainings from 2009-2011

“The Speechless Maternal: Breaking the Silence in Toni Morrison’s *Beloved*,” Northwest Undergraduate Conference on Literature, Western Oregon University, March, 2007

“Merging Perspectives: Internalized Oppression and Racial Ideology in Contemporary Narratives by Native American Women,” Ronald E. McNair Internship, SOU, August, 2006

“Community or Commodity? Questioning the Death of Nick Hanson,” Women’s Studies Practicum, SOU, November, 2006

### **Conferences and Trainings Attended**

“Interpersonal Neurobiology for Mental Health Practitioners of Color,” Danette Gillespie-Otto & Marc Otto, August 15-16 and October 24-25, 2019

“Reframing Racism,” Center for Equity and Inclusion, January 22 – 24, 2019

“Facilitator Intensive,” Center for Equity and Inclusion, July 9-13, 2019

“Managing with an Equity and Inclusion Lens,” *The Management Center*, Medford, OR May 30-31, 2018

“Implicit Bias 101” and “Leadership Response to Implicit Bias,” *Health Care Coalition of*

*Southern Oregon*, Medford, OR, March 13, 2018

“PTSD and Beyond: Strengths and Limitations of Existing Models of Trauma Care and a Multidimensional and Multimodal Approach to Assessment and Treatment of Trauma, including Complex Trauma”, Dr. Robert Grant, PhD, *Peace House*, Ashland, OR, January 26-27, 2018

“Embedding an Equity Lens in HR Practice,” *Health Care Coalition of Southern Oregon*, May 11, 2017

“The Battered Mother Revisited: Representing the areas of Prosecution, Child Welfare, Child Custody Evaluation and Mental Health,” Panel of Experts, *Westside Domestic Violence Network*, Santa Monica, CA, Friday, January 11, 2013

“Domestic Violence, Advocacy, and the Faith Community,” Olivia Rodriguez, Bernita Walker, Sandra Schooley, and Panel, *Religion & Domestic Violence Committee* and the *Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council*, Los Angeles, CA, November 29, 2012

“Dynamics of Domestic Violence: Coercive Control, Trauma and Batterer's Intervention,” *Westside Domestic Violence Network*, Santa Monica, CA October 17, 2012

“Immigration Issues,” *Westside Domestic Violence Network*, Santa Monica, CA, September 28, 2012

“Safety Planning with Transgender Clients,” Michael Munson and Loree Cook-Daniels, *Forge*, January 10, 2013

“Lights, Camera, Social Action: Domestic Violence Filmmakers Speak Out,” *National Alliance to end Domestic Abuse*, December 20, 2012

“Sexual Assault Dynamics: Effectively Recognizing & Responding to Sexual Assault,” Det. Joanne Archambault, Medford, OR. May 24, 2010

“Volunteer Management 201 Training,” NOVAA and TACS, Portland, OR. April 29, 2010

“Q&A for Advocates,” The Northwest Network, Seattle, WA. February 25-27, 2010

“Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training” (ASIST), *LivingWorks Education, Inc.*, Medford, OR. November 23-24, 2009

### **Academic Awards and Scholarships**

*New Mexico Higher Education Department Graduate Scholarship Program*, University of New Mexico, 2008-9

*Catherine Molinar Knapp Multicultural Award*, Southern Oregon University English Department, 2006

*The Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Scholarship, Southern Oregon University, 2006*

*The Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program Summer Research Internship, Southern Oregon University, 2006*

### **Committees and Memberships**

Jackson County Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee, member, November 2017-June 2018

Diversity Programming Board, Rogue Community College member, October 2017-June 2018

State Health Assessment Steering Committee, member, Oregon Health Authority, June 2017-December 2017

United Way's Transportation Impact Committee, October 2017-June 2018

Southern Oregon Housing and Transit Coalition, founding member, July 2017-June 2018

Southern Oregon Oral Health Coalition, member, February 2017- June 2018

Racial Equity Coalition, Rogue Valley, Oregon, 2014-present

SOU Violence Prevention and Response Advocates (ViPRA) Subcommittee, 2013 – June 2018

SOU Ronald E. McNair Advisory Council, 2013 – June 2018

SOU Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Council, Chair, 2013 – February 2017

University of New Mexico American Studies Graduate Student Association, Co-Chair, 2008-9

Young Women United, 2007-2009

Southern Oregon Community Coalition, 2006-7

National Association for Ethnic Studies, since 2006