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## EXPERIENCE

### **GEORGIA HUMANITIES**, Atlanta, GA

*January 2022-Present*

#### *Director of Digital Initiatives*

- Optimize digital infrastructure and strategies to meet programmatic and operational goals and objectives
- Oversee the development and execution of digital initiatives that are aligned with strategic priorities, using data-driven insights to inform decisions
- Set clear KPIs and success metrics for all digital initiatives, track progress against goals, and report on results regularly
- Manage digital assets
- Lead Digital Initiatives Taskforce
- Create innovative digital humanities programming utilizing cutting-edge technology

### **APOGEE COLLEGE PREP**, Atlanta, GA

*April 2020- March 2023*

#### *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

### **GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT**, Atlanta, GA

*Fall 2021-Summer 2022*

#### *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)

### **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 December 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**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