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EDUCATION: Masters of Education, Higher Education Administration

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst MA.

May 2006

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

Rowan University, Glassboro NJ

May 2004

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

EDUCATIONAL ADVISOR

June 2009 - Present

Upward Bound, Roosevelt University
Chicago, Illinois

- Assist in the recruitment, selection, orientation, and support of 50 high school students who are low-income and/or first generation youth who attend Social Justice High School in Little Village & North Lawndale, Chicago Illinois
- Meet at least monthly with each participant in my caseload to ensure that student is meeting the needs of her/his Student Success Plan
- Create and implement ongoing classroom instruction regarding personal psychosocial development, educational opportunity, and issues of difference/diversity
- Work with the Upward Bound Staff to successfully execute the six week Summer College Preparation Program
- Provide informational workshops for participants to help them improve their test scores on state and national standardized tests
- Work with various college and university staff across the country to plan tours to help expose and inspire students to attend various institutions
- Plan and execute College Experience Institutes, which are educational, cultural, social, and leadership opportunities throughout the year not usually available to disadvantaged youth
- Monitor, assess, and ensure that guidelines of the Roosevelt Upward Bound Program Grant is followed accordingly
- Engage in the Social Justice High School, Chicago Public Schools System, and Chicago city community to garner optimal support for the students from the school system and the community

RESIDENCE HALL DIRECTOR, PHELAN HALL

June 2006 – May 2009

Office of Residence Life, University of San Francisco
San Francisco, California

- Manage the administration of a residential community serving 500 primarily sophomore students
- Supervise two Assistant Resident Hall Directors who are responsible for the Phelan Residence Hall Council, front desk operations, facilitation of the programming model, and facilities operations
- Supervise a Resident Advisor Staff of 13, utilizing weekly staff meetings and bi-weekly individual meetings to provide ongoing training and support throughout the academic school year
- Enforce university policies through judicial meetings and staff development meetings
- Evaluate graduate and undergraduate staff in assigned areas of responsibility
- Provide academic support, resources, and referrals to residents, student staff, and graduate staff
- Serve as Residential Staff member for two Living Learning Communities and one Learning Community, which focus on issues of social justice, in order to address participant's residence hall related concerns, assist with program development, and provide help to the resident advisor
- Support four Resident Minister Interns to ensure that there is a spiritual presence in the hall
- On-call responsibilities for a residential community of approximately 2200 students

ASSISTANT RESIDENT DIRECTOR, NORTHEAST LIVING AREA

August 2004 – May 2006

Residence Life-Housing Services, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Amherst, Massachusetts

- Assisted in the management and operation of three coeducational residence halls housing over 450 students
- Supervised three to four Resident Assistants out of a staff of 12
- Advised the 2 in 20 Program, a Living Learning Community that creates a safe space for students who identify as being gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and their allies
- Managed the Cluster Office, which included hiring of staff, distribution of keys, dissemination of student mail, and the organization of staff information
- Hired, trained, and supervised four to ten cluster office workers and three mail sorters
- Advised the House Council Executive Board who were responsible for educational, cultural, and social programming within the Crabtree, Mary Lyon, and Knowlton Cluster
- Facilitated in-house Resident Assistant training sessions, which included staff development, cluster specific procedures, and time management

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED WORKSHOPS:

- **Invited Presenter, “It Just Ain’t Art Anymore: Connecting Art and Diversity”**
Office of Residential Life, California College of the Arts, October 2008
- **Presenter, “Sex Chronicles: Safety, AIDS, Women, and the Black Community”**
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Black Student Union, University of San Francisco, March 2008
- **Panelist, “Preparing the Next Generation of African American Male Student Affairs Professionals”**
ACPA/NASPA Joint Conference and ACPA National Meeting, March 2007 & 2008
- **Presenter, “Internet and Diversity: Unpacking What You See On Youtube”**
Esther Madriz Scholars Community, University of San Francisco, March 2008
- **Presenter, “Becoming A Student Affairs Professional”**
NRAP Resident Advisor Conference, University of Nevada, Reno, November 2007
- **Roundtable Facilitator, “Ethical Leadership”**
NRAP Resident Advisor Conference, University of Nevada, Reno, November 2007
- **Facilitator/Presenter, “Finding Your Voice: Living and Learning Together”**
Erasmus Project Spring Retreat, University of San Francisco, January 2007
- **Presenter, “Stereotypes and More”**
MAGIS Leadership Program, Office of Student Leadership & Engagement, University of San Francisco, October 2006
- **Co-Presenter, “Assertive Communication”**
Resident Advisor Training, Office of Residence Life, University of San Francisco, August 2006
- **Presenter, “The Down Low: Taking a Closer Look at the Manifestation of Racism and Homophobia”**
Rowan University, November 2005
- **Guest Lecturer, “Race, Class, and Gender: Examining the Intersections of Race and Gender”**
Dr. Shederick A. McClendon, University of Massachusetts Amherst, October 2005
- **Presenter, “Diversity and Inclusion: Understanding the Difference and Implementing it in the Residence Hall”**
Resident Assistant Training, Residence Life-Housing Services, University of Massachusetts Amherst, August 2005
- **Presenter, “Who Are We and What Do We Bring? Diversity in the Residence Hall”**
Resident Assistant Training, Housing & Residential Services, California State University, San Marcos, July 2005
- **Guest Lecturer, “Queer Theory: Illuminating and Analyzing Race and Sexuality in Film”**
Mr. Rodger D’Andreas, California State University, San Marcos, June 2005
- **Co-Presenter, “Facilitating Dialogues around Diversity in the Residence Hall”**
Resident Assistant Training, Residence Life-Housing Services, University of Massachusetts Amherst, August 2004

UNIVERSITY AND COMMITTEE INVOLVMENT:

- Instructor, Engagement and Analysis, *Roosevelt University, Summer 2009*
- Co-Instructor, College Success, *University of San Francisco, Fall 2008*
- Chair, Resident Advisor Fall Training Committee, *University of San Francisco, Summer 2008*
- Co-Chair, Women Empowerment Committee, *University of San Francisco, Fall 2007 – Spring 2008*
- Chair, Office of Residence Life Assessment Committee, *University of San Francisco, Fall 2006 – Spring 2007*
- Co-Facilitator/Instructor, Story Telling to Engagement Multiculturalism, *University of San Francisco, Fall 2006 – Present*
- Co-Facilitator/Instructor, Social Justice Educators Program, *University of San Francisco, Fall 2006 – Present*
- Advisor, Black Student Union, *University of San Francisco, Fall 2006 - Present*
- Co-Advisor, Shaha Diversity Troup, *University of Massachusetts Amherst, Fall 2004*
- Dean’s Diversity Task Force, School of Education, *University of Massachusetts Amherst, Spring 2004 – Spring 2006*

AWARDS AND HONORS:

- Sankofa Award, Exemplary Service to the African and African American Community, University of San Francisco, 2007
- Outstanding Service to the LGBTQ Community, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2006
- Outstanding Service to the Campus Community, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2005

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- Social Justice Training Institute
- ACPA College Student Educators International
- Standing Committee for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Awareness, ACPA College Student Educators International
- National Association of Student Personnel and Administrators
- Association for the Study of Higher Education
- African American Community Taskforce, University of San Francisco
- National Black Justice Coalition
- UNITY- Black MSM Survey Planning Council, San Francisco Department of Public Health
- OUR Love Community Advisory Board, Stop Aids Project