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Summary

Motivated and efficient leader with an emphasis on access to high-quality, comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care, especially as it pertains to high-risk populations and the resulting health disparities; extensive experience in leading diverse teams of up to 35 people focused on community organizing and health education; passionate about local action informed by a global context.

Education

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, St. Louis, Missouri Master of Social Work Master of Public Health Specialization in Sexual Health and Education	Spring 2019
TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY, Kirksville, Missouri Bachelor of Science in Health Science Concentration in Health Administration Minor in Business Administration	Spring 2016

Professional Experience

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF THE ST. LOUIS REGION AND SOUTHWEST MISSOURI St. Louis, Missouri Sexual Health Education Specialist – Plans, implements, and evaluates comprehensive, medically accurate, inclusive sexuality education in St. Louis and the surrounding communities for folks at any age in school, community, mental health, and clinical settings; manages the launch of a new teen advocate program; delivers professional development in a variety of healthcare settings.	2019 – Present
STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, St. Louis, Missouri Sexual Health Promotion Coordinator – Planned and implemented sexual health programming at the graduate and undergraduate levels; provided one-on-one sexuality education for students on a weekly basis; supervised and supported a practicum student, and a group of nine undergraduate peer health educators; facilitated mutually beneficial relationships with campus and community partners.	2017 – 2019
CONTRACEPTIVE CHOICE CENTER, St. Louis, Missouri Contraceptive Counselor – Provided contraceptive counseling to over 50 patients; enrolled patients in research studies; conducted policy assessment to identify ways to improve clinical friendliness to LGBTQ patients; assessed and analyzed efficiency of work.	Spring 2017
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, St. Louis, Missouri Research Coordinator – Assisted principal investigator, Dr. Alison Antes, in a mixed-methods study regarding leadership and management practices utilized in the scientific research community; managed scheduling of over 50 research participants; conducted in-depth, semi-structured interviews with participants; engaged in qualitative and quantitative data analysis.	2016 – 2018
NARAL PRO CHOICE MISSOURI, St. Louis, Missouri Canvasser – Engaged St. Louis city and county residents through community canvassing and education with an intersectional petition advocating for workplace equality, economic justice, and reproductive freedom locally and statewide.	Summer 2016
WRITING CENTER, TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY, Kirksville, Missouri Consultant - Mentored Truman State University students to develop, structure, edit, and cut various forms of written communication.	2013 – 2016
PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICUM, BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV Be'er Sheva, Israel Practicum Student - Researched the intersection of HIV Criminalization laws and stigma associated with sex workers, migrants, and other at-risk populations; made site visits to community health clinics to analyze their health delivery models; attended an international public health conference to advocate for interdisciplinary community health education.	Spring 2015

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Leadership Experience

- NATIONAL SEX EDUCATION CONFERENCE PLANNING TEAM, Newark, New Jersey 2018 - Present
General Support – Assists with conference planning, logistical support, marketing, etc.
- DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND EQUITY COMMITTEE, Washington University 2017 – 2019
Committee Member – Planned and facilitated monthly student forums regarding sensitive current events; processed grant applications for students seeking to implement diversity and inclusion programming at the Brown School; advocated for changes in policy and practice to create a more equitable campus environment.
- AASECT INSTITUTES January, August 2017
Student Fellow – Assisted in conference duties related to logistics of speakers, meals, and pre-conference preparation.
- SEXUAL HEALTH ADVOCACY GROUP, Kirksville, Missouri 2015 – 2016
Founder – Managed and implemented peer sexuality education on campus; assessed and evaluated the need for sexual health on campus through survey data, interviews, and asset inventories; created and presented a series of workshops and presentations related to sexual health for college students; connected offices and organizations to create a network of sexual health resources for students on campus and online; facilitated peer group discussions in weekly forums about diversity in sexuality.
- INTERDISCIPLINARY DEPARTMENT, TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY, Kirksville, Missouri 2015 - 2016
Preceptor – Planned an interdisciplinary for-credit course entitled “Components of Global Health” for 20 undergraduate students; facilitated discussion-based course and civic engagement projects; coordinated logistics for guest presenters; evaluated curriculum.
- WEST COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK, West St. Louis County, Missouri 2014 – Present
Co-Chair – Plans and facilitates strategic planning for the organization; creates system of governance for the organization; advocates for policy changes related to deinstitutionalizing racism in school, police force, and voting rights spaces; engages in community building and outreach to encourage locals to participate in community organizing around racial justice in West St. Louis County; facilitates conversations about racial justice issues.
- EQUALITY MISSOURI, Kirksville, Missouri 2012 – 2014
Volunteer Coordinator - Recruited, mobilized volunteers in a grassroots Political Action Committee to end discrimination; developed and presented information for donors, volunteers, and supporters of the campaign to audiences of 30+; trained 30+volunteers in areas including political activism, canvassing, volunteer coordination, and fundraising; utilized multiple avenues of communication to connect with over 50 volunteers remotely and locally; planned, organized, advertised, and implemented 6 one-day fundraisers resulting in over \$2,000 of revenue.

Presentations

- Transgender Medicine + Surgery: What Do the Residents Need to Know? | APGO Annual Meeting 2019
- Queering Reproductive and Sexual Health | CREOG Educational Leadership Retreat 2018
- Exploring Gender | Youth Engagement Summit of East Side Aligned 2018
- LGBTQ+ Primary Health Care | Washington University in St. Louis Health Services 2018
- LGBTQ+ Mental Health Care | Washington University in St. Louis Mental Health Services 2018
- Sexuality on Campus | Washington University in St. Louis APHA Chapter 2018
- Sex Ed: More Than Just the Parts | Teen Pregnancy Prevention Partnership Conference 2018
- Queering Reproductive and Sexual Health | Beth Israel Deaconess OBGYN Grand Rounds 2018
- Sustaining Activism through Community | Washington University in St. Louis 2018
- At the Intersection of Research and Reform: Reducing Health Disparities Among Women |WUSTL 2017
- Queering Reproductive Healthcare – A Best Practices Guide | National Sex Education Conference 2017
- Best Practices for Affirming Fluidity in Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual+ Youth in Schools | Truman State 2016
- Certified Peer Education Training | Truman State University 2016
- Coloring Gender: How We See Ourselves and Others | Truman State University 2016
- The Sex Ed You Didn't Get in High School | Truman State University 2015