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EDUCATION

Rutgers University-Camden

Expected Graduation 2023
M.F.A. in Creative Writing (Nonfiction Concentration)

Brown University

Class of 2015, 3.78 GPA
B.A. with Honors in English (Nonfiction Writing Track)

EXPERIENCE

Rutgers University-Camden

Camden, NJ

Writing & Design Lab Coordinator; Teaching Assistant

September 2021 - present

- As WDL Coordinator, manage communications, scheduling, and professional development for undergraduate Writing Consultants in Rutgers-Camden's Writing & Design Lab. Coordinate WDL outreach, including managing classroom visits and tabling, maintaining the website, and creating one-pagers to advertise our services to Composition students.
- As Teaching Assistant in 2021-2022, taught one section of Composition 101 in the fall and one section of Composition 102 in the spring.

College Now Greater Cleveland

Cleveland, OH

College and Career Access Advisor

September 2017 - June 2021

- Worked with six different high schools to implement college and career access advising programs, financial aid counseling, standardized test preparation programs, and scholarship and retention services with the intent to increase postsecondary educational attainment for low-income and underrepresented students.
- Provided daily assistance with college entrance exam options, registration, and application essays; guided students and families through the financial aid process, including conducting presentations for families and district stakeholders; and assisted with all necessary application paperwork.
- Kept track of application and participation data for internal grant writing purposes as well as external stakeholders.
- In 2019, collaborated with Akron Public Schools to reach students who did not receive daily programming from College Now in their school buildings: presented scholarship attainment strategies to 400 students at a district-wide event for APS' senior classes, and created and led a three-week summer program offering test preparation and college visits for 25 rising APS seniors.

The Aspire Program at Hathaway Brown School

Shaker Heights, OH

6th-10th Grade Enrichment Teacher; 9th Grade Academy Teacher; 8th Grade Core Teacher

Summer 2013, 2019, 2021

- Developed and taught six-week-long courses on Creative Writing (2021), Wellness (2019), College & Career Readiness (2019), Independent Research (2019), Personal Narrative (2013), and a podcasting elective (2013) for academically excelling middle school girls from under-resourced Cleveland schools, observed and evaluated by a practicing teacher.

National College Advising Corps (AmeriCorps)

Woonsocket, RI

College Advisor, Woonsocket High School

August 2015 - June 2017

- Served 1600 students in grades 9-12 each year with the objective of creating a sustainable college-going culture in their school by coordinating college representative visits, presenting in classrooms and to families, and designing the district's first College Signing Day. Acted as the primary manager of all application paperwork on behalf of 350 seniors. In 2017, planned, advertised, and led the FAFSA Completion Night event with the largest attendance in the state.
- As a returning advisor, led training on data analysis, served on committee to recruit and select new advisors, and co-facilitated Justice Talks, a weekly forum during the winter of 2017 devoted to addressing topics related to service, diversity, and social justice for AmeriCorps members throughout Rhode Island.

SKILLS

- **Language:** Spanish (conversational)
- **Computer:** Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Teams, Outlook, Power BI; Google Suite; Slack; Canva; WordPress; Social Media
- **Counseling:** Courses in Ethics, Educational Research, Lifespan Development, and Counseling Techniques (including within a school environment and with diverse populations) at Cleveland State University