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Education:

Washington University in St. Louis - George Warren Brown School of Social Work
Masters in Social Work
Graduation date: May 2004

University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA
Bachelor's of Arts – Women and Gender Studies, African American Studies, and Environmental Science
Graduation Date: May 2001

Employment:

Lambda Legal – Director of Community Education and Advocacy

Atlanta, GA
(404) 897-1880

Supervisor: Leslie Gabel-Brett
1/5/10 – 7/14/2017

- Wrote curriculum on LGBT and racial justice issues
- Facilitated national community education sessions (workshops, panels, trainings) on LGBT and racial justice issues
- Organized town hall meetings, conferences, projects and events on Police misconduct, Transgender visibility, Safe Schools for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) students, the School-To-Prison-Pipeline, and LGBT Native Americans/Two-spirit people
- Provided resources and technical assistance to individuals and organizations around the country
- Fostered alliances with other LGBT, civil rights and social justice organizations across the country
- Creator and manager of the Transgender Tell Your Story Project in Atlanta, GA
- Helped create “Protected and Served: A Survey of LGBT/HIV Contact with Police, Courts, Prisons, and Schools” – a nationwide survey - <http://www.lambdalegal.org/protected-and-served>
- Organized an annual Southern region convening entitled “South Star: Safe Schools Convening of the South”
- Managed annual national budget for myself and four others in the approximate amount of \$300,000
- Supervised four staff across the country and two interns locally

Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) – Community Initiatives Manager

New York, NY
(646) 388-8062

Supervisor: Benny Vasquez
2/27/06 – 5/22/09

- Supported and trained community members on a national level in their organizing work for safer schools
- Organized events, talking points, and web based and print materials for four National Days of Action
- Wrote content and managed Days of Action websites, newsletters, and list serves
- Updated and maintain online database
- Maintained budget for four National Days of Action in the approximate amount of \$150,000
- Trained and supported educators on making their classrooms safe spaces
- Created and presented workshops on organizing strategies, anti-oppression, coalition building, media and messaging, and advocacy
- Attended statewide and national lobbying days for Safer Schools policy work
- Served on multiple national safe schools coalitions
- Organized and coordinated Summer Start; GLSEN's largest multi-day student event of workshops and activities
- Created a new National Day of Action, TransAction, from the ground-up by crafting the communications strategy and marketing collateral
- Supervised two program staff

Children’s Aid Society East Harlem Center – Education Director

New York, NY
(718) 828-2441

Supervisor: Madelyn Gonzalez
Dates: 10/26/04 – 2/14/06

- Implemented four academic enrichment programs
- Conducted center-wide academic workshops for parents
- Supervised seven teachers for a middle school math and literacy program
- Organized tutors and teens for homework help and tutoring
- Managed budget for After-School academic programming
- Coordinated college entrance and scholarship preparation for Teen Program
- Assisted in managing Afterschool and Teen Program budget, reports, and programming

Publications:

2017. “Skunk Medicine” Page 130 in *Emergent Strategy: Shaping Change, Changing Worlds*. Adrienne Marie Brown. AK Press.

2016. “Mismanaged Masculinity: Or Why I Stayed” in *Outside of the X, Y: Black and Brown Queer Masculinity*. Edited by Morgan Mann Willis. Riverdale Avenue Books.

2014. “Our Many Selves” in *Trans Bodies, Trans Selves: A Resource for the Transgender Community*. Edited by Laura Erickson-Schroth. Oxford University Press.

Film appearances:

Just Gender – 2013. Director, George Zuber.

Board Service:

2016 – PRESENT – Project AFFIRM: Longitudinal Study on Transgender People’s Resilience
2015 – PRESENT – Center for Civil and Human Rights LGBT Institute
2006 – 2009 – Queers for Economic Justice – Board member and co-chair

Presentations/facilitation:

African American Policy Forum

2017 – “Imagining Otherwise: Black Men and Boys Feminist Camp”

Facing Race Conference:

2016 – “Black Trans Everything”

Allied Media Conference

2015 - “Redefining Masculinity Dinner Caucus”
2014 – “A Gender Justice Skill Share”
2012 – “Story Telling from the South: A Review of the Atlanta Trans Tell Your Story Project”

Mississippi Department of Mental Health Annual Competency Trainings

2017 – “LGBT People and Substance Abuse: A Focus on Harm Reduction”
2016 – “40th Juvenile Justice Symposium – LGBT Competency for Service Providers”

Creating Change Conference

2015 – “Police Violence Institute”
2014 – “Black Native Futuring”
2013 – “Restorative Justice and Dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline”