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Advocacy | Innovation

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EDUCATION

December 2023

Juris Doctor

Georgia State University College of Law
Atlanta, GA

May 2018

Doctor of Philosophy in

English Literature (Lit. of the African
Diaspora and Critical Race Theory)

Emory University
Atlanta, GA

May 2017

Master of Arts in

English Literature
Emory University

May 2012

Bachelor of Arts in

English Literature & Black Studies
State University of New York
College at Geneseo

KEY SKILLS

Legal Research

Legal Document Drafting

Client-Centered Representation

Microsoft Office & Google Suite

Adobe Creative Suite

Digital Asset Management

CRM Management

Creative-Critical Thinking

Strategic & Tactical Planning

Team Leadership

EXPERIENCE

ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER

FLINT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

March 2024-Present

- Criminal defense attorney for felony charges
- Indigent representation
- Zealous client advocacy
- Client-centered representation
- Trial/courtroom skills
- Collaboration with opposing counsel to achieve optimal outcomes

DIRECTOR OF DIGITAL INITIATIVES

GEORGIA HUMANITIES (EMORY AFFILIATE) | Atlanta, GA

January 2022-Present

- 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

LAW CLERK

GREENWOOD LAW, LLC. | Rock Island, IL (Remote)

December 2023-March 2024

- Hired into a temporary role to assist with legal research and document drafting
- Drafted contracts, leases, briefs, memos, settlement agreements, etc.
- Honed case management skills, including the concept billable hours
- Practiced in areas including estate planning, probate, guardianships, special education, real estate, landlord/tenant

LAW STUDENT INTERN

HEALTH LAW PARTNERSHIP | Atlanta, GA

January 2023-December 2023

- Worked in conjunction with healthcare providers and lawyers created to improve the health and well-being of low-income children and their families
- Handled SSI, special education, and guardianships
- Leveraged expertise in critical race theory to create a training program on intersectional lawyering

AWARDS

2020

Public Fellow

Andrew W. Mellon
Foundation/American Council of
Learned Societies

2019

30 Under 30 Nonprofit Leader

The Young Professionals Network

2017-2018

**Digital Publishing
Graduate Fellowship**

Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry,
Emory University

MEMBERSHIPS

Georgia Bar, Active Member

**Georgia Association of Criminal
Defense Lawyers**, Active Member

Phi Beta Kappa, Invited Member

CONTENT CURATOR CONSULTANT

MAVERICK HEALTHCARE CONSULTING | Atlanta, GA

December 2022-April 2023

- Hired for temporary engagement to assist with data visualization and strategic planning for Columbus State University.
- Designed website and curated content for strategic plan process
- Utilized digital design skills to creatively represent data to promote stakeholder engagement and understanding

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS CONSULTANT

APOGEE COLLEGE PREP | Atlanta, GA

April 2020-March 2023

- Tutored/coached high school/college students on writing tasks related to college/graduate school/transfer applications
- Optimized coaching strategy based on individual students' learning needs
- Documented student progress
- Collaborated with other coaches to ensure student success

GRADUATE ASSISTANT &

PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR WALKER STATE PRISON

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT | Atlanta

Fall 2021-Summer 2022

- Coordinated between GSU Perimeter College and the Georgia Department of Corrections
- Scheduled student courses and tracked degree progress
- Collaborated with the Office of Financial Aid to ensure funding for tuition
- Coordinated with professors to ensure the completion of necessary training
- Coordinated course logistics
- Supervised 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 adult and juvenile facilities. This process involved developing a proposal and sample course materials, including syllabi and assignments.

DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

ANDREW W. MELLON/ AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES PUBLIC FELLOW

ALLIANCE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN PRISON | Remote

August 2020-October 2021

- Program Development - Developed and Implemented initiatives and programming that centered on
- community voices and lived experience, including national conference
- 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 committees
- Advocated for a more equitable funding model for the non-profit sector
- Conceptualized communications and social media campaigns
- 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 in Adobe InDesign)

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTOR**

REFORMING ARTS | ATLANTA GA

August 2018-August 2020

- Managed the Board of Directors
- Oversaw all board activities, including budgeting, strategic planning, and fundraising
- Successfully wrote grants (National Endowment for the Arts, Fulton County)
- Managed the day-to-day operations of the organization in partnership with the Executive Director
- Corresponded with and communicated value to a diverse array of stakeholders
- Built relationships/partnerships with external organizations like 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

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/EXECUTIVE ADMIN. ASSISTANT

EMORY UNIVERSITY | Atlanta, GA

Summer 2019-Fall 2020

- Supported the Office of the Vice President and Secretary of the University
- Prepared materials for board meetings
- Organized executive meetings & planned events
- Supported the Department of Political Science
- 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