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Education

University of Southern Maine / Portland, ME

Graduated with Honors - August, 2015

Bachelor of Arts, Women and Gender Studies and Sociology, Concentration: Deaf Studies

Thesis: Editing Transitions, Transgender Representation in Popular Media

Relevant Coursework: Teacher's Aide: Intro to Women and Gender Studies, Sociology of the Body, Politics of Difference, Deviance and Social Control, Women, Knowledge and Power, and American Sign Language

Widener University / Philadelphia, PA

Currently enrolled – Fall 2016

Master of Education, Human Sexuality Studies

Professional Development

Be Proud! Be Responsible! HIV/Pregnancy Prevention / Portland, ME *November, 2015*

Attended two day-long training hosted by New Beginnings. Training focused on ways to prevent HIV in IV drug using populations as well as pregnancy among sexually active youth; developed specifically with youth of color in mind.

Translating Identity Conference / Burlington, VT *November, 2014*

Attended workshops on consent and neoliberalism in institutions of higher learning. Networked with students and presenters from diverse backgrounds. Coordinated travel and housing for student groups. Brought information gathered at conference to USM campus.

Civil Liberties and Public Policy Conference / Amherst, MA *April, 2013*

Attended workshops on transformative justice, embodiment and femme identity, and accessibility in activism. Networked with students and professionals from diverse backgrounds. Brought information gathered at conference to USM campus.

FORGE Conference on Sexual Assault / Portland, ME *July, 2012*

Attended workshop on sexual assault in transgender community with member of Maine TransNet. Networked with sexual assault service providers throughout Maine. Used findings to inform presentations and other works.

Wellstone Activism Training / Portland, ME *July, 2012*

Via activism track at Camp Wellstone, learned how to appropriately lobby representatives, build relationships with organizations and individuals, and plan programs to achieve progressive political change.

Family Planning Association Conference / Augusta, ME *March, 2012*

Attended workshops on sexuality in disability community and social climate of Maine regarding sexuality education. Assisted tabling for Maine TransNet. Used findings to inform presentations and other works.

Leadership and Professional Experience

Youth Justice League

Co-facilitator, October, 2015-March, 2016

In conjunction with Preble Street Teen Center, co-facilitated monthly meet-up group encouraging youth with DHHS history and/or experiencing homeless to find their voices and engage in social justice. Frequent focus included using art to engage in personal storytelling and activism. 5-7 attendees per group.

Preble Street Teen Center

Case worker, May, 2015-March, 2016

Work with homeless youth from teens to 20 in order to connect with resources including housing, employment, subsidies, food, and legal services as well as a providing day-to-day stability and support. Work requires intersectional lens as many youth are queer, trans, living with multiple disabilities, present with severe drug addiction, or all of the above.

Women and Gender Studies 101 / Portland, ME

Teacher's Aide, Spring semester, 2015

Facilitated discussion on gender, sexuality, power dynamics, and intersectionality for an intro-level WGS course (approx. 25 students) at the University of Southern Maine. Planned curriculum and discussion in tandem with professor on selections from the text *Gender Outlaws*. Assisted students on group projects, including one based on experience with *Other-Sexuals Panel* from 2012.

Maine Educationalists on Sexual Harmony / Portland, ME

Co-facilitator, 2014-2015

Organized series of events with fellow community sexuality educators on topics of gender, sexuality, and healthy relationships. Produced and distributed educational and promotional materials for groups. Performed on-stage skits to approximately 100 attendees, providing audience with better communication tools and greater understanding of sexuality.

Gender Studies Student Organization / Portland, ME*President, 2012-2015*

Coordinated multiple dynamic events on gender and sexuality at USM's campus. Fostered partnerships with wide array of other student groups. Co-facilitated weekly group meetings contributing to increased empowerment for gender and sexuality minorities on campus.

Equality Maine/Mainers United for Marriage / Portland, ME*Field Manager, February-November, 2012*

Trained and coached new hires on Mainers United fundraising team while meeting my personal and team fundraising goals. Worked on the persuasion/retention team, talking with voters about their qualms and concerns surrounding the issue of same-sex marriage. Provided ongoing transgender cultural competency training for Mainers United staff and volunteers with the help of members of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Planned Parenthood Vox Student Group / South Portland, ME*President, 2011-2012*

Coordinated campus events on gender and sexuality. Distributed safer sex supplies and informational materials on campus. Co-facilitated weekly group meetings contributing to increased empowerment for gender and sexuality minorities on campus.

Cincinnati Gay and Lesbian Community Center / Cincinnati, OH*Volunteer, June 2009–March 2010*

Answered phones, kept track of materials lent out to community members from lending library, recorded and returned voicemail messages, provided information to visitors to the center. Co-facilitated *Livin' Out Loud*, a queer women's meet up group. Was in charge of presenting topics of conversation and mediation during weekly meetings, as well as planning and organizing events and activities off site.

Presentations

Sexploratorium/Passional / Philadelphia, PA*July, 2016-October, 2016*

Ongoing workshop series on topics ranging from polyamory, to strap-on anal pleasure, to hosting sex parties, to creating feminist porn. 2-12 participants per workshop, with each event receiving overwhelmingly positive reviews.

Queer People of Color Movements: Art and Activism / Portland, ME*June, 2015*

This panel discussion included both artistic and academic perspectives on people of color in queer and trans movements who have used various avenues to affect change in their communities and on the global stage. Co-hosted by the Women and Gender Studies Program of USM and the Maine Humanities Council, this panel drew approximately 50 attendees.

Think and Drink: Disrupting Gender / Portland, ME*May, 2015*

Hosted by SPACE gallery in collaboration with the Maine Humanities Council, this was the third in a series on disruption in a social context, the other two focusing on Authority and Art. Panelists were encouraged to discuss the ways in which their gendered experiences cause disruption to the traditional paradigms, whether trans, gender non-conforming, or through queer parenting. The Think and Drink model allows audience members to engage in discussion in a non-academic, community-led format wherein questions and answers are generated by lay persons rather than via top-down power dynamics. Approximately 100 attendees.

MESH(in) / Portland, ME*March, 2015*

Organized, planned, obtained space for, and presented at day-long conference at the University of Southern Maine in conjunction with MESH. Presented workshops "Gender is so basic!" and hands-on tail making how-to for those new to furry fandom. Approximately ten participants per workshop.

Student Voices: Microaggression Series / Portland, ME*September-November, 2014*

Organized and promoted a three-part series on microaggressions surrounding race, gender, and ability. Approximately 30-40 attendees at each event. Spoke as a panelist for gender presentation and acted as facilitator for ability presentation. Fostered greater understanding of difference within communities.

Transgender, Cisgender, Genderqueer, Trans: A Community Conversation*May, 2014*

Sat on panel hosted by SPACE gallery with area professors. Discussion focused on efforts to instill gender inclusion into classrooms, and bring that inclusion into the larger community. Because of community response to conversation, SPACE gallery decided to make its bathrooms gender neutral facilities. Approximately 100 attendees.

Transcending Boundaries Conference / Hartford, CT*April, 2014*

Co-facilitated a discussion on "Polyamory for the Rest of Us," focusing on who gets typically gets left out of polyamory discourse. This conversation included transgender folks, non-hierarchical polyamory, and non-mono sexualities.

Ism Prism, WERU 89.9 / Blue Hill, ME*June, 2013*

Was a guest on this local radio show, discussed topics ranging from transgender identity to non-binary gender traditions in non-Western cultures, and how elements of sexuality, gender, and presentation can all influence one another. Responded to listener inquiries as they were emailed in live.

Lost in Trans*lation / Farmington, ME*April, 2013*

Spoke for audience of students, staff, and faculty (approximately 100-150 attendees) on topics of transgender identity, gender neutral pronouns, and other aspects of cultural competency. Invited to return based on overwhelmingly positive reception of this event. Approximately 150 attendees.

Dark Odyssey: Winter Fire*February, 2013*

Facilitated two workshops: one on safer sex practices with reference to adult toys, the other on the many considerations to be taken into account before embarking on a career in sex work. Both received many positive accolades from attendees.

POP! Panel On Porn at USM*February, 2013*

Sat on a panel with other sex-positive feminists which explored the world of pornography through a feminist lens. Discussed aspects of pornography that could be retooled to support the needs of modern, consent-savvy sexuality.

Maine Queer and Trans* Youth Summit / Lewiston, ME*October, 2012*

Crafted two workshops: one focusing on navigating the world as a genderqueer youth, and the other an age-appropriate, trans* and genderqueer-gear talk on safer sex practices.

Other-Sexuals Panel at USM / Portland, ME*October, 2012*

Helped to plan and organize and spoke on a panel comprised of people who don't identify as gay or straight, be they pansexual, asexual, demisexual or queer-identified. The event was filmed and has subsequently been used as educational material on USM's campus.

Medical Students Workshop, Maine Medical Center / Portland, ME*May, 2012*

Prepared and presented skit with medical professional to demonstrate culturally competent methods for intake of queer/transgender patients for an audience of approximately 50 medical students at Maine Medical Center. Fielded questions during processing, Q&A round following presentation. Assisted students with gaining insight into challenges facing queer and trans populations with regard to medical access.

Philly Trans* Health Conference / Philadelphia, PA*May, 2012*

Spoke about aspects of human sexuality unique to the transgender community at this workshop, in addition to the importance of safer sex practices. Created a Power Point presentation and provided demos with props.

Medical Professionals Panel / Portland, ME*March, 2012*

Spoke on a panel with other queer people about experiences dealing with medical professionals in order to provide a sense of cultural competency for those currently working in the field. Hosted by Community Counseling Center.

Publications**Shift Left News***December, 2016*

First in series of interviews with LGBT folks from various walks of life all over the world. Discussion of the complications of finding identity as a queer and transgender person of mixed ethnic backgrounds. Connection to the current discussions of race and immigration in the age of Donald Trump.

Dispatch Magazine Pride Guide*June, 2015*

Reflections on Pride and what it means in a world of corporate sponsorship, particularly in conjunction with #BlackLivesMatter and the Stonewall Uprising. Included alongside a collection of essays from local queer activists, performers, and academics.

Beyond "Him" and "Her," Out In Maine / Portland, ME*Summer, 2012*

Interviewed with fellow members of the trans and gender non-conforming community on topics of non-binary gender. Created deeper understanding of gender identities included in Out In Maine Pride Guide.

Let's Rethink This, SMCC Beacon / South Portland, ME*September-December, 2011*

Wrote series of articles on transgender identity for SMCC's student newspaper. Brought presence of queer and trans identity into newspaper that had previously been lacking.

Awards

Outstanding Contribution to Campus Diversity

Nominee, Student Involvement Recognition Gala

May, 2014

Outstanding Student Organization (GSSO)

Nominee, Student Involvement Recognition Gala

May, 2014

USM Dean's List

Part-time Students, 2012-2013 School Year

Full-time Students, Fall, 2013-Spring 2015

SMCC Dean's List

Spring, 2012

Student Leader Recognition Reception

Planned Parenthood Vox Group, SMCC

2012 School Year