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EDUCATION

Miami University

Master of Science in Student Affairs in Higher Education

- Concentration in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Oxford, OH

Anticipated: May 2022

Western Carolina University

Bachelor of Science in Recreational Therapy

- Minor in Psychology

Cullowhee, NC

May 2020

STUDENT AFFAIRS RELATED EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Intern

Oxford, OH

Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion, Miami University

January 2021 - Present

- Assist in the development and implementation of programs and resources such as an identity-based curriculum for student organizations, inclusive language guidebook, and monthly programs
- Develop, implement, and assess educational outreach and training opportunities for the Miami campus to raise awareness about concepts related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice
- Utilize student development theories such as Queer Theory, Crip Theory, and Black Feminist Theory to frame student learning around diversity/multiculturalism as expressed through, but not limited to ability, age, ethnicity, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic differences
- Assist in the interview process and recruitment of MADE@Miami peer leaders
- Create and distribute MADE@Miami Peer and Post-program assessments
- Create, implement, and execute one diversity activity to be implemented during MADE@Miami program

Graduate Student Intern

Oxford, OH

Rinella Learning Center, Miami University

August 2021 - Present

- Instructs EDT 110: Learning Strategies for College Success, an undergraduate course designed to assist students to become more aware of their study behaviors, develop more effective study strategies, explore, and expand purposeful motives for pursuing university education and critically think about how to become more engaged in their education
- Counsels' students on major/course selection and job/internship search strategies and provides referrals to Academic Advising, Career Services, Counseling Services, and Student Disability Services
- Manages a caseload of 6-8 coaching students per semester, including at-risk, probationary, and non-traditional students to assess their academic standing, evaluate their action planning, and determine skills-based learning goals to address any concerns

Graduate Assistant

Oxford, OH

Academic Affairs, Miami University

August 2020 - August 2021

- Functioned as co-chair of professional development by facilitating meetings and planning over 20 events per academic year to further establish professional, research, and learning enhancement opportunities for graduate students
- Communicated with Miami's and other local institutions' officials, faculty, and staff to operate logistics needed to further implement programs focused on the academic success of graduate students, such as the Graduate Research Forum and 3MT that included over 75 students during the COVID19 pandemic
- Created marketing and advertising materials for events to be published on social media and event calendars

Undergraduate Student Office Assistant	Cullowhee, NC
The Office of Intercultural Affairs- Western Carolina University	August 2017 - May 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed all visitors, answered questions, and directed them to the appropriate personnel • Facilitated programs campus-wide promoting diversity and inclusive excellence • Managed marketing endeavors for the entire department by maintaining a strong social media presence • Coordinated the 3-day summer retreat for over 135 students for the Project CARE student mentoring program • Participated in informational table events for the office during all summer orientation sessions providing information to over 2000 students 	

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Member	April 2018 - Present
Order of Omega	March 2019 - Present
National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education	June 2021 - Present
American College Personnel Association	June 2021 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACPA 2022 Program Reviewer 	
National Association of Student Personnel Administrators	June 2021 - Present
Miami University Student Affairs Graduate Association, Member	August 2020 - Present
Graduate Students of Color Association, Member	August 2020 - Present

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

DEI Action Team Member	September 2021 - Present
<i>Systems Subcommittee</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate current DEI Audit instructions and structure at Miami University • Research additional principles and formats for DEI Audits across the Student Affairs profession 	
Diversity Affairs Council	
<i>Co-Advisor</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in advisement and supervision of DAC Executive Board by attending weekly meetings and being a general resource for Executive Board members • Help with the planning process of DAC Signature Events: Diversity Week, Multicultural Mega Fair, Unity Day, and Lavatus Powell Diversity Awards Banquet 	
Hiring Committee, Assistant Director for LGBTQ+ Initiatives and Gender Equity	October 2021 - Present
<i>Miami University, Oxford OH</i>	
Wiicinaakosioni: Virtual Diversity Experience, Panelist	November 2021
Zeta Mu Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.	August 2021 - Present
<i>On-Campus Advisor</i>	
Black Student Action Association Speaker Series, Panelist	October 2020
Search Committee, Assistant Director of Greek Student Engagement & Development	February 2020
<i>Western Carolina University, Cullowhee NC</i>	
Search Committee, Assistant Director of Intercultural Affairs	June 2019
<i>Western Carolina University, Cullowhee NC</i>	

CERTIFICATIONS

Safe Zone Certified	September 2017 - Present
Mini Master of Business Administration	January 2021

HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Chapter President of the Year, 2019-2020	June 2020
Sorority Woman of the Year, 2019-2020	June 2020
Academic Affairs: Student Spotlight	September 2019