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EXPERIENCE

Senior Program Officer for Community Engagement
Program Officer, Student Programs

September 2018 - Present
August 2016 - September 2018

Carolina Center for Public Service

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

- Serve as primary adviser for APPLES Service-Learning, an undergraduate student program that provides transformative service experiences through service-learning courses, internships, alternative breaks and short-term opportunities to over 2,000 students each year
- Provide administrative oversight to all APPLES programs and facilitate recruitment, enrollment, evaluation and leadership training
- Manage and cultivate relationships with campus and community partners and serve as primary liaison to community organizations working with students and faculty in service partnerships
- Work collaboratively to build capacity and ensure mutual benefit of university-community partnerships
- Host quarterly community partner orientations to cultivate a network of local nonprofit organizations and provide educational resources and tools for working with UNC students
- Develop educational programming in line with the Center's strategic plan, learning outcomes and evaluation goals
- Supervise graduate and undergraduate student staff who provide programmatic support
- Provide technical assistance to faculty and instructors proposing and teaching service-learning courses through individual consulting and a Course Development Institute, and facilitate grant programs to support their work
- Served as a point person for disaster recovery efforts; planned and implemented day trips in connection with partners to various counties in eastern NC to assist with Hurricane Matthew and Florence relief
- Assist with programs and events offered by the Center for Public Service and represent the Center on campus committees or hiring processes

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Health Behavior

January 2021 – Present

Gillings School of Global Public Health

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

- Co-instruct *HBEH 611: Philanthropy as a Tool for Social Change*, which covers grant writing and foundation work and provides students with an opportunity to experience the grant-giving process (2018-2021)
- Create curriculum for, and instruct *HBEH 609: Leadership in Alternative Breaks* to provide leadership training to 32 alternative break leaders, first offered in Fall 2019

Coordinator of Student Involvement

July 2013 – July 2016

Center for Student Involvement

Lynn University, Boca Raton, FL

- Co-directed the Lynn Leadership Institute, a 4-year undergraduate cohort program to aid in retention and leadership development
- Created and implemented leadership and service initiatives on campus including the Emerging Leaders Program, student organizational training, and student volunteer days in the community
- Developed curriculum for multicultural competence training to be distributed to all first year students
- Planned and executed fall and spring alternative break service experiences, including planning reflection activities, working with service site, and overseeing budget and logistics
- Tracked and maintained records for involvement, service, and voter engagement on online platforms
- Served as director of Team Leaders for the Millennium Campus Conference hosted at Lynn University in October 2014, including recruiting and training student leaders, creating training curriculum, advising student intern team and serving as on-site conference coordinator to assist with event logistics for the conference team and delegates
- Assisted Center for Student Involvement with planning and chaperoning department events, coordinating logistics, updating social media, and supporting students in their leadership and service endeavors

EXPERIENCE continued

*Graduate Assistant***August 2011 - May 2013****Center for Student Leadership, Ethics, and Public Service**

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

- Served as Interim Program Director for Leadership in Action (LIA), a 4-year leadership and service program with 200 participants; advised leadership board, managed budget, led retreats, and developed curriculum
- Advised the Campus Pals youth mentoring program including supervising student director, managing budget, selecting mentors, and preparing weekly events
- Co-coordinated the Stop Hunger Now meal packaging event including recruiting volunteers, fundraising to meet goal of \$40,000 and planning event to package 125,000 meals
- Co-advised an alternative spring break trip to the Dominican Republic through Outreach 360

*AmeriCorps VISTA & Community Service Coordinator***July 2010 - July 2011****Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory, NC**

- Connected students with non-profit organizations and volunteer opportunities through community partnerships
- Facilitated campus-wide events and programs such as MLK Day of Service, Hands on Hickory, Stockings for Service and the NC-ACTS! Service Scholarship Program
- Planned and advised an alternative spring break trip for 22 students to Washington, D.C. focused on youth-based service and homelessness through the Steinbruck Center for Non-Violence Studies
- Co-developed campus service-learning policy and procedures for faculty
- Planned and chaperoned a Teaching Fellows study tour at University College Dublin (Ireland) for 16 participants

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

UNC Working Group for COVID-19 Impacts on Experiential Education

June 2020 - Present

Global Gap Year Selection Committee, UNC Chapel Hill

February 2017 - Present

Women's Center Advisory Board, Lynn University

September 2015 – July 2016

First-Year Student Staff Mentor, Lynn University

July 2013 - July 2016

LeaderShape South Florida Planning Committee

July 2013 - July 2016

LeaderShape Cluster Facilitator

- South Florida Institute
- Southeast AFLV Institute (Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values)

August 2013 and 2015**May 2014**

President, Higher Education Graduate Student Association, NC State University

April 2012 - April 2013**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

BRIDGES, Women in Academic Leadership Program, Graduate

Fall 2020

UNC Campus Trainings: Safe Zone, Coach Approach, Mental Health First Aid, Haven, UndocuCarolina, Equity in Teaching Institute

Racial Equity Institute, Program Participant

March 2018

MSU Summer Intensive on Community Engaged Scholarship, Participant

June 2018

Florida Campus Compact, Campus Representative

August 2013 – July 2016**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Title Boxing Club, *Trainer and Fitness Instructor*, Chapel Hill, NC**July 2018 - Present**Compass Center for Women and Families, *Childcare Staff*, Chapel Hill, NC**September 2017 – May 2019****EDUCATION**

Masters of Education – Higher Education Administration**May 2013**

NC State University, Raleigh, NC

Bachelor of Arts – Strategic Communication**May 2010**

Elon University, Elon, NC

Dublin Business School, Dublin, Ireland (Semester Study Abroad)**Spring 2009**