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Education

University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Bachelor of Arts, Gender and Women's Studies, Minor in Sociology; G.P.A. 3.9/4.0
Member of Honors College

September 2014 – May 2017

Professional Experience

Women and Girls Intern, Access Living, Chicago, IL.

June 2015– Present

- Authored and edited *Take Charge!: A Reproductive Health Guide for Women with Disabilities*
- Promote "Take Charge! Workshop Series" among potential host organizations, develop workshop content with clients, present trainings on quality healthcare at Planned Parenthood, University of Chicago Medical School, and other organizations
- Co-facilitate Empowered Fe Fe advocacy group meetings discussing topics ranging from dating to systemic oppression
- Present "Disability 101" workshops to outside groups, moderator of Fall 2015 panel, "Young, Disabled, Looking for Work"
- Created 2014 Summer Writers' Collective, led group meetings, worked individually with collective members on writing skills

Associate Board Member, The Arts of Life, Chicago, IL.

2016 – Present

- Serve as 2015-16 board Secretary and participate in planning Associate Board fundraisers, raising \$10,000 annually
- Work directly with 30 intellectually disabled adult artists on art making, de-escalation techniques, and self-advocacy skills

Program Development Intern, Heartland Alliance International, Chicago, IL.

2015 – 2016

- Created promotional Facebook campaigns, updated organization's website, and produced quarterly e-newsletter
- Conducted grant research, prepared budget narratives, and reviewed grant applications for compliance with donor requests
- Designed graphics for numerous grant applications and organization's brochure

Communications Intern, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Omaha, Nebraska

Summer 2014

- Spoke at various events to encourage local policy change, individual donor giving, and company fundraising efforts
- Planned fundraising events, solicited donations from local businesses, and contacted participants to encourage fundraising
- Interviewed volunteers, prepared activities, and organized participant records for summer camp

Conference Presentations

"We Need Each Other": Centering Vulnerability in Feminist Crip Coalition"

National Women's Studies Association Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

November 2016

"Re/claiming a Collective, Resistant Vulnerability; Transforming Disability Politics"

Society for Disability Studies Conference, Atlanta, Georgia

June 2015

"Disability and Health Access with a focus on Reproductive Healthcare Disparities"

DePaul University Health Disparities and Social Justice Conference, Chicago, Illinois

February 2015

Volunteer Experience

Chicago ADAPT

December 2016 – Present

- Plan and attend protests aiming to deinstitutionalize people with disabilities and ensure community living supports

Building Communities Ending Violence

September 2015 – November 2016

- Chaired Fall 2015 screening of Sins Invalid's performance on ableism and incarceration, *Disability Liberated*
- Member of planning committee for quarterly DePaul University community renewal event, "Dandelions in the Concrete"

Alpha Phi Omega

September 2014 – June 2015

Vice President of Service

March 2013 – March 2014

- Coordinated 70 service events with various non-profits for 80 members of DePaul University community service fraternity

Inclusive Communities, Omaha, Nebraska

July 2013 – July 2014

- Facilitated group learning activities on systems of oppression with high school students as counselor at IncluCity camp

Honors

Community Service Scholar

September 2014 – November 2016

Scholar Advisory Board Member

- Served as communication outlet between scholars and program staff and assisted in workshop and event planning

Women's Network Women of Spirit and Action Honoree

May 2015

Skills

Experienced in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Apple Products, Convio; Proficient in HTML

Experienced in Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, YouTube