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EDUCATION

Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania Aug. 2014 - July 2019

Bachelor of Arts

Major: **Sociology** Focus: **Africana Studies & Gender & Sexuality Studies** Certificate: **Food Studies**

Awards: Dean's List, The Donald B. and Dorothy L. Stabler Foundation Scholarship, Baird Fellow

Relevant Coursework: LGBT Oral History, Introduction to Sociology, Social Analysis, African Women's History, Contemporary Sociological Theory, Cultural Anthropology Field School, Contemporary American Families, Orality Landscapes & Creative Literature, Inequalities in the U.S., Race and Cultural Relations

Study Abroad Experience:

Dickinson in Cameroon: **Cameroon, Africa** Jan. 2018-June 2018

- Participated in a semester-long study abroad, French language immersion program.

Dickinson in Tanzania: **Tanzania, Africa** June 2018-July 2018

- Completed an Independent Ethnographic Field Research Project at Lutengano Secondary School that explored the phenomenon of friendship and the social process behind food among high school students.
- Received intensive Kiswahili language training.

Milton Hershey School, Hershey, Pennsylvania Aug. 2004 - June 2014

High School Diploma

Milton Hershey School is a K-12, cost-free, private, co-residential school and home for children from lower income families located in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teach For America, *Corps Member*, San Jose, California Summer 2020

- Selected from approximately 45,000 applicants nationwide to join national teacher corps of recent college graduates and professionals who commit two years to teach in under-resourced public schools.

The Dickinson College Farm, *Farm, Cook, Eat Coordinator*, Carlisle, Pennsylvania Aug. 2017 - Present

- Educating 15 racially and socio-economically diverse 4th grade, LeTort Elementary students on sustainable, healthy eating through interactive learning experiences.
- Restructuring curriculum to make the recipes more culturally appropriate and low budget.
- Recruiting, interviewing, hiring, and mentoring a group of 5 volunteer educators that are fellow Dickinson students.
- Maintaining organization of cooking equipment in the Farm Education Closet.
- Created an educational garden to encourage experiential learning.

Office of LGBTQ+ Services, *Pride Education Coordinator*, Carlisle, Pennsylvania Aug. 2018 - Present

- Developing and executing R.A.I.S.E (Red Devils Advocating for Inclusive Spaces for Everyone) trainings on a variety of LGBTQ+ topics for offices, departments, student organizations, and sports teams.
- Managing database, assessment and evaluation of trainings, and assisting in event promotion and planning.
- Created a workshop to aid LGBTQ+ students in navigating their queer identities.
- Organized "Pop Art" pizza event through collaborative efforts with the College Farm, LGBTQ+ Services, and the Department of Art & Art History.

- Center for Service & Social Justice, *Prison Inmate Tutor*, Carlisle, Pennsylvania** Aug. 2017 - Present
- Guiding inmates at The Cumberland County Prison in the process of passing the General Educational Development (GED) test in order to aid in the continuation of their education.
 - Tutoring in all GED subject areas including math, social studies, science, reading, and writing.
- The American School of Yaoundé, *Volunteer*, Cameroon, Africa** April - June 2018
- The American School of Yaoundé is an independent coeducational school founded in 1964 that offers an educational program from nursery through grade 12 for students of all nationalities.
 - Provided individualized educational assistance to 2nd grade English Language Learners and aided with class preparation.
- Center for Service & Social Justice, *ASL Coordinator*, Carlisle, Pennsylvania** Aug. - Dec. 2017
- Created lesson plans that enabled 12 Dickinson College students to learn and teach the basics of American Sign Language (ASL) to kindergarten students.
 - Increased awareness of Deaf culture while allowing safe space on campus for signers.
 - Maintained strong community partnerships through sustained interactions and consistent volunteering at the Dickinson College Children's Center.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- The Dickinson College Farm, *Student Worker*, Carlisle, Pennsylvania** Aug. 2017 - Present
- The Dickinson College Farm is a diversified program offering opportunities for hands-on experience in sustainable food production, renewable energy, and animal husbandry.
 - Managing the campus composting program, maintaining a thriving stand at Carlisle's weekly farmers' market, organizing community-based projects including class visits, educational field days, workshops, and public tours.
 - Graphically designed the College Farm's "GATHER" monthly dinner menus.
- Residence Life & Housing, *House & Apartment Manager*, Carlisle, Pennsylvania** Aug. 2018 - Present
- Providing residential assistance for 75 primarily upper-level students and supporting the mission of Residence Life & Housing by facilitating a strong sense of community.
 - Encouraging and supporting residents in maintaining a healthy balance between academics and mental well-being.
 - Received leadership training to deal with crisis management such as sexual misconduct and drug use in college-aged students.
- Dickinson College Spanish Club, *Publicist*, Carlisle, Pennsylvania** Aug. 2017- Jan. 2018
- Promoted interest in Hispanic language & culture by publicizing all events through word of mouth, social media, posters, and flyers.
- The LGBT Center of Central Pennsylvania, *Intern*, Carlisle, Pennsylvania** May – Aug. 2015
- Volunteered at the LGBT Center of Central Pennsylvania in Harrisburg through The Dickinson College Special Collections Archives.
 - Conducted and transcribed oral history interviews, cataloged archival donations, created exhibits, and researched Pennsylvanian sites of significance to LGBTQ+ history.