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EDUCATION

Master's Candidate in Regional and City Planning, Expected Summer of 2015

University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma

- Activities:
- Presented poster on thesis research poster at American Planning Association Conference, Seattle, 2015.
 - Presented poster on thesis research at the Urban Affairs Annual Conference, Miami, 2015.
 - Presented preliminary research on Oklahoma food trucks at the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Planning Association Annual Meeting, Norman, Oklahoma, Fall, 2014.
 - Worked with a team of students to complete planning studio course project: Housing and Neighborhood Study of the Northeast Area of Oklahoma City, Fall, 2014.
 - Prepared and presented Urban Agriculture Policy Barriers and Recommendations component of Smart Growth Code Audit Project for the City of Oklahoma City, Summer, 2013.
 - Served as Student Planning Association Co-President, 2013-2015.
 - Lead and supervised a team to build a parklet for PARK(ing) Day, 2013 and 2014.
- Honors:
- Awarded Robberson Conference Presentation & Creative Exhibition Travel Grant for presenting at the Urban Affairs Annual Conference, Miami, 2015.
 - College of Architecture Recruitment and Retention Scholarship, 2014.
- Thesis: *"A Few Ambitious Restaurants": The Dynamics of Food Trucks, Culture, and Regulation in Oklahoma City*, In Progress.

Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Anthropology, 2007

University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma

- Honors:
- Award of Honorable Mention, Society of Urban, National and Transnational/Global Anthropology Student Paper Prize Competition.
 - Awarded Robberson Scholarship, 2004 and 2005.
- Thesis: *Tales from the Margin, Reclaiming the Center: Graffiti, Space and Visibility in Oklahoma City*.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Executive Director, Uptown 23rd District Association
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 2013-2014

- Activities:
- Prepared and Implemented Strategic Plan and Annual Budget.
 - Doubled the number of member businesses in the association.
 - Advised Board of Directors, prepared monthly board meeting agendas.
 - Oversaw a major revision of the organization's membership bylaws.
 - Managed the Association's volunteer committees.
 - Managed the application and reporting of an annual City of Oklahoma City grant for revitalization of commercial districts.
- Projects:
- Coordinated with multiple organizations to organize Oklahoma City's first Open Streets Event in 2014.
 - Initiated work on an Urban Framework Plan for the District.
 - Worked with volunteer committee to launch the 'Uptown Uncorked' annual fundraiser event.
 - Created an annual 'District Open House' event.
 - Lead the application for 501(c)4 non-profit status.

Research Assistant, Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 2012

- Activities:
- Conducted phone interviews with Oklahoma businesses, parks, and local governments.
 - Updated Oklahoma Outdoor Recreation Guide information.
 - Updated TravelOK website information.

Americorps Service Member, Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 2007-2008

- Activities:
- Developed year-long plan to research and develop high school arts opportunities throughout the State.
 - Wrote grant to Allied Arts to fund the Momentum Show for young artists.
 - Aided in the launch the Teen Advisory Council for the Oklahoma City Arts Council.
 - Spoke to high school art classrooms about extracurricular opportunities for young artists in Oklahoma.
- Projects:
- Organized high school class tour of Tulsa artist studios.
 - Published the Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition High School Resource Guide.
 - Surveyed and compiled comprehensive list of art venues for high school students.

Tutor, Athletic Department, University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma, 2008.

- Activities:
- Tutored student athletes on Anthropology and Philosophy college coursework.
 - Researched student curriculum and gained knowledge of their coursework reading.

Americorps Service Member, Regional Foodbank of Oklahoma
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 2007

- Activities:
- Lead and managed volunteers in packing and distributing food in the Food Bank Warehouse.
- Projects:
- Drafted an operations and safety best practice handbook for Food Bank volunteers.
 - Created a volunteer survey.

LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Organizing Member and Workshop Instructor – Freewheels Bicycle Co-Op, Oklahoma City Infoshop,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 2008-2009.

Committee Member – Momentum Tulsa Art Show, 2008.

Organizer – Oklahoma City Bicycle Festival, 2008.

Intern – Untitled Art Space, Oklahoma City, 2006.

Organizer – Food Not Bombs, Oklahoma City Chapter, 2000-2001.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Brownfields and Funding Economic Development Workshop, Kansas State University/Oklahoma
Department of Environmental Quality, Oklahoma City, 2014.

Standards for Excellence Non-Profit Management Training, Oklahoma Center for Non-Profits,
Oklahoma City, 2013.

American Planning Association Annual Conference, 2013, 2014, 2015.

Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference, 2015.

Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Conference, 2009, 2013, 2014.

American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, 2007, 2009, 2010.