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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

03/17-07/17 **CRISIS VICTIM ADVOCATE**

Hope Alliance; Round Rock, Texas

- Provided crisis intervention, peer counseling support to residential and non-residential clients in person and over the telephone.
- Supported clients with case management services in a non-residential capacity.
- Acted as a CARE Manager for clients on Legal Advocacy and Counseling wait lists.
- Presented to community partners on Hope Alliance's services and programs.
- Liaised with relevant community agencies and resources to facilitate wrap around services for clients.
- Covered bi-monthly on-call rotations, responding to sexual violence victims at the hospital as the State-Certified Advocate.
- Took two to three telephone hotline shifts and one to two intake shifts a week.

03/14-03/17 **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZER and OWNER**

Suzanne Holsomback, LLC; Houston, Texas and Austin, Texas

- Created organizing systems to optimize productivity, and reduce stress.
- Spoke on productivity and organizing to various sized groups throughout the community.
- Extensively networked with national and local professional associations and businesses.
- Managed marketing - publicity, website, blog, social media, SEO, and newsletters.
- Pursued professional education through courses, reading, and conferences.
- Mentored new professional organizers through buddy scheme.
- Served as Director of Marketing for NAPO Austin Chapter from 2016-2017.

06/12-06/13 **VICE PRESIDENT (WOMEN)**

Oxford University Student Union (OUSU); Oxford, England

- Represented women in the union's work, to University committees, and external organizations.
- Created, wrote curriculum, and managed OUSU's Sexual Consent Program (shortlisted for a national award in 2012) and OUSU's Leadership Development Program.
- Recruited and trained volunteer facilitators for OUSU's Leadership Development Program and OUSU's Sexual Consent Program.
- Designed, wrote, and disseminated pamphlets on *Harassment and Stalking* and *Supporting Survivors of Rape* to the University community.
- Chaired a University and community committee on harassment and violence prevention resulting in an updating of the University Harassment Policy.
- Functioned as OUSU's harassment advisor and domestic abuse prevention champion.
- Institutionalized *It Happens Here*, a sexual violence prevention and awareness raising student campaign.
- Acted as an Adviser of the Student Advice Service.
- Led in policy making, campaigning, and lobbying on issues of gender equality for students.
- Generated reports on programs and projects for various stakeholders.

NON-PROFIT VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- 06/16-05/17 **VOLUNTEER, SafePlace; Austin, Texas**
- Trained Sexual Assault Advocate (40hr training).
 - Safety-planned and supported individuals seeking protective orders in Travis County as a Legal Advocate.
 - Volunteered in Human Resources Department with implementing organizing and productivity strategies.
 - Worked with SAFE’s Chief Operating Officer to create an Archive Guideline document for consistent archiving processes with departmental specific guidelines.
- 07/13-02/14 **HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP PROGRAM ORGANIZER, Oxford Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Centre (OSARCC); Oxford, England**
- Recruited, trained, and coordinated volunteers to facilitate sexual consent discussion groups in a local secondary school as well as writing the training materials.
 - Researched and developed a three-session Healthy Relationship Program for 16 to 18-year-olds, Recruited and trained volunteer facilitators for the pilot program as well as wrote the training material.
 - Wrote “Healthy Relationships” and “What Consent Is/Is Not” for the Oxfordshire City Council *Check Consent* Campaign, attended citywide launch as OSARCC representative.
- 10/12-02/14 **CRISIS HELPLINE VOLUNTEER, OSARCC; Oxford, England**
- Underwent a sixty hour training program for phone and email crisis intervention.
 - Volunteered two and a half hours, two to three times a month and attended regular group and individual supervision (counseling).
 - Facilitated training sessions for incoming volunteers.

EDUCATION

- 08/01-12/04 **BAYLOR UNIVERSITY**
Bachelor of Arts
Religion, Classics
3.82 GPA (4.0 scale)
- 01/06-12/09 **GEORGE W. TRUETT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**
Master of Divinity
World Christianity
3.95 GPA (4.0 scale)
- 10/10-12/13 **UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD**
Master of Philosophy
Social and Cultural Anthropology
II:I (UK scale)