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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill • 2014-2016
MA in Social & Cultural Geography

Oberlin College • 2006-2010
BA in Comparative American Studies, Highest Honors

EXPERIENCE

Project Manager & Researcher/Writer - Community Safety Campaign • 2024-
Project coordination, research, and writing for a national campaign mobilizing Jewish communities to divest from militarized security strategies and adopt solidarity-based safety plans.

Founding Member & Treasurer - Tiger Moth Land Collective • 2023-
Creation and management of a collective land and cooperative housing project in Efland, NC. LLC finances and administration.

Digital Project Manager - Healing Histories Project • 2022-2024
Project management for a collaborative research project about the U.S. Medical Industrial Complex and grassroots alternatives and resistance.

- Remote project management for production of interactive digital timeline.
- Research, writing, editing, and content management.
- Supervision and support of a team of 5-10 contractors and interns.
- Co-design and maintenance of project website and digital learning tool.

LGBTQ+ Center Coordinator - Warren Wilson College • 2019-2021
Student support and gender & sexual diversity training at a small liberal arts college.

- One-on-one LGBTQ+ student counseling and online support groups.
- Design & facilitation for educational, self-care, and community-building programs, both online and in-person.
- Communications strategy, social media, and program outreach.

Historic Research Consultant - Orange County Cultural Resources • 2018-2019
Independent research on local historic landmarks for publications and exhibitions; preparation of historic landmark designation reports.

Company Member - Theater Delta • 2018-2019
Performer & facilitator for interactive theater company that cultivates dialogue about social justice issues at universities and other institutions across the United States.

Freelance Website Design • 2018-
Website design and maintenance through Wix and Wordpress platforms.

Back Ways Project Coordinator - Southern Oral History Program • 2016-2017
Research, coordination, and digital exhibitions for community oral history project on racial segregation and disinvestment along rural back roads in the American South.

Teacher's Assistant - UNC-CH Geography Department • 2014-2016

Teacher's assistant, lecturer, writing coach, and digital storytelling consultant for undergraduate geography courses.

Creative Team Member - Digital Portobelo • 2012-2014

Project design, budgeting, grant-writing, oral history and digital exhibitions for transnational African diasporic arts project based in Portobelo, Panama.

Program & Development Associate - stone circles at The Stone House • 2011-2014

Program coordination, facilitation, communications, and fundraising for social change and spiritual practice retreat center formerly located in Mebane, NC.

- Conference coordinator of Deep Change North Carolina, statewide social movement convening on transformative activism.
- Publications, video production, graphic and web design.
- Database management, individual donor cultivation, and grant-writing.

**HEALING
ARTS**

Somatic Energy Work Practitioner • 2018-

Somatic energy work therapy private practice. Currently completing Board Certified Polarity Practitioner (BCPP) level training.

Hatha Yoga Teacher • 2013-

Yoga and meditation classes for local studios, summer camps and school programs, private workshops and retreats.

TRAININGS

Integrative Somatic Trauma Therapy Certificate Program - Embody Lab • 2021

Somatic Energy Work Professional Training - Tree of Life Center • 2018-2024

SafeZone Ally Training - UNC-CH LGBTQ+ Center • 2017

Veda Vinyasa Yoga Teacher Training - Heart of Yoga School • 2013

Dismantling Racism Training - dRWorks • 2011

Multimedia Storytelling - Center for Documentary Studies • 2011

SKILLS

Program coordination & administration
Project management and events
Communications and outreach
Writing & editing
Digital media and web design
Qualitative and historical research
Finances and fundraising
Group facilitation & teaching
Somatics, energy work, yoga, breathwork, meditation

INTERESTS

Community care & safety, abolition, land justice and reparations, politicized healing, health and disability justice, somatics, spirituality, public history, LGBTQ+ liberation.

ORGANIZING

Indigenous Memories, Jewish Voice for Peace, Southerners on New Ground, Showing Up for Racial Justice, Forward Together Movement, Silent Sam Coalition, Hate Free Schools Coalition, Oberlin Underground Railroad Society, City Fresh.

LANGUAGES

English: first language.
Spanish & French: intermediate level; 3+ years of language study each.