

Rachel Cotterman

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*Skilled professional in research & writing, communications, digital media, teaching & facilitation.
Extensive experience working with diverse communities and collective endeavors for social change.*

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

Oberlin College • 2006-2010
BA in Comparative American Studies - Magna Cum Laude

SOCIAL CHANGE WORK

Company Member, Theater Delta • 2018-
Performer and facilitator for interactive theater company that fosters dialogue about social issues at universities, military and medical institutions across the U.S.

Founding Member, Triangle SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice) • 2015-2016
Founding member of Triangle NC chapter of national racial justice organization; design and facilitation of workshop series exploring intersections of race and gender identity.

Program and Development Associate, stone circles at The Stone House • 2011-2014
Communications, fundraising, and program coordination at social change retreat and training center. Conference coordinator of Deep Change NC, statewide social movement convening.

Founder, Oberlin Street Photographers • 2010
Founder and facilitator of high school community photography project exploring public space and social identity.

RESEARCH & CONSULTING

Historical Research Consultant, Orange County Natural & Cultural Resources • 2018-
Independent research on historic properties and events for publications and exhibitions; preparation of historic landmark designation reports.

Oral History Team Member, Lives and Legends of the Mediterranean • 2017-
Processing oral histories for project documenting seafaring livelihoods and cultures.

Coordinator, Back Ways Project, Southern Oral History Program • 2016-2017
Project coordination, research, and exhibitions for oral history project about road maintenance and racial segregation in the rural American South.

Teacher's Assistant, UNC-CH Geography Department • 2014-2016
Teacher's assistant, lecturer, and digital storytelling consultant for undergraduate courses.

Project Team Member, Digital Portobelo • 2012-2014
Project planning, curriculum design, grant-writing, videography, and oral history collection for transnational arts and cultural preservation project in Panama.

Vittles Documentary Films • 2012
Project planning for startup documentary film company producing digital stories about food, identity, and contemporary social issues.

**HEALING
ARTS
WORK**

Polarity Therapist • 2018-
Somatic energy healing bodywork private practice.

Yoga Teacher • 2013-
Yoga and meditation classes.

TRAININGS

Somatic Energy Healing Practitioner Training, Tree of Life Center • 2018

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

Writing & editing, oral history and qualitative research, communications & graphic design, digital media production, individual donor cultivation, grant-writing, social media, project management, program design & evaluation, exhibitions, community organizing, engaging diverse stakeholders, teaching, facilitation, yoga and meditation, somatic therapy.

INTERESTS

Community-based arts & research, grassroots organizing, education, social justice, cooperative ownership and solidarity economies, digital media, performance, oral history, social & cultural geography, dismantling racism, LGBTQ+ liberation, holistic health, somatics.
