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Education

M.Ed., Human Sexuality Education May 2016
Widener University, Chester, PA

B.A., Psychology & Theatre Arts, May 2008
University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL

Career Experience

Grand Street Settlement, New York, NY December 2015- Present
Director of Adolescent Sexual Health

- Manages two sexual health programs, LGBTQIA+ youth-specific program and a pregnancy prevention program (CAPP)
- Oversees three sexual health educators, one MSW, and fifteen peer educators
- Ensures comprehensive adolescent pregnancy prevention is being taught at all designated locations (300 participants to date)
- Wrote and facilitated two inclusive pleasure- focused curricula for middle and high school youth

Grand Street Settlement New York, NY May 2014 – Dec 2015
Project Speak Out Loud Case Manager and Outreach Coordinator

- Provided a safe, supportive space in which youth & young adults can explore their feelings and gain a sense of identity
- Managed 1315 peer educators to be leaders amongst their peers and community
- Created a nurturing environment to assist LGBTQ youth and their families through case management
- Educated the broader Lower East Side and New York City community on LGBTQ issues

Jacob A. Riis Settlement House, Queens, NY March 2013 – May 2014
Girls Inspiring Real Life (GIRL) Educator

- Developed sexual health curriculum incorporating games, social media and age appropriate material for students ages 13-17
- Facilitated sexual health sessions for 80 female participants from marginalized urban communities and at-risk populations
- Attended meetings with staff, student parents, volunteers, and community residents to develop curriculum and plan events

Union Settlement Association New York, NY February 2012- June 2013
High School Youth Advocate

- Developed trainings inclusive of all sexual identities to promote reduced teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections

- Supported youth leaders in implementing community trainings and sexual health “information parties” for their friends
- Organized Parent Workshops and on techniques for speaking openly and honestly to their teens about sexual health

European Center (EC) English School, New York, NY Aug 2010 - Dec 2011
Student Services and Student Activities Coordinator

- Promoted cultural immersion and community building by leading cultural excursions and activities for over 300 students
- Facilitated a lecture series for 60 students titled “Race in America” on diversity and cultural sensitivity in the United States
- Organized a talent show fundraiser to raise money to provide support for victims of the Japan tsunami in 2011

United States Peace Corps, Wolkite, Ethiopia Dec 2008 - July 2010
Health Extension Advisor

- Provided Cultural Diversity and Resiliency Training for over 60 Peace Corps volunteers
- Facilitated weekly meetings and monthly health trainings with the Wolkite People Living with HIV/AIDS support group
- Coordinated a theatre project raising awareness for HIV/AIDS with 300 high school students
- Provided entrepreneurial and sexual health education for at-risk youth, orphans, prison inmates, and sex workers

Current Professional Consultant Work

La Cima Elementary, Brooklyn, NY February 2016 – Present
Primary School Sex Educator (Kindergarten- 5th Grade)

Created and facilitated comprehensive sexual health curriculum for youth 9-12 years of age. The curriculum was created from a social justice (anti-racist), culturally competent lens in order to center the voices of communities of color and provide visibility to communities that are often erased.

Publications: Article feature in a Book

A. Butler-Wall, K. Cosier, R. Harper, et.al. (2016). *Rethinking Sexism, Gender, and Sexuality*. Seven Tips for Teaching Sex Ed

‘Why I Went Topless at Afropunk ‘Op-Ed, *Afropunk.com* August 2016

Media

2013-2014 Sexy vs. Skanky, Resident Sex Educator, Cosmo Live, New York, NY
 2014 Oral Sex Tips, Cosmopolitan Live, New York, NY
 2014 Where Sex-Ed Falls Short, Huffington Post Live, New York, NY
 2015 Black Women and Breast Cancer, NBC Black, New York, NY.
 2017 Allure Dispelling Beauty Myths, New York, NY.

Professional Speaking Engagements

2016 Sex Education in the United States. Fusion Facebook Live. New York, NY.

2016 NOW NYC Sex in the City. Museum of Sex. New York, NY.

2016 SEXX 3.0 – TEDx style, Sexualizing Cancer, New York, NY.

2017 Philadelphia Women's March, Philadelphia, PA.

Conference Presentations

Woodhull Sexual Freedom Summit, Alexandria, VA

August 2016

Sexualizing Cancer, Panelist

This panel shared deep personal narratives from our experiences as cancer survivors. Through a narrative framework, we aimed to discuss the common sexual side effects of cancer and its treatments, medical options for dealing with these effects, tips for navigating sex, dating, and relationships after a diagnosis, and how to address safety concerns for survivors who engage in kink. The panelists will draw from their experience in medicine, sex education, and as cancer survivors to provide an intimate look into changes that cancer brings and how to deal with them all!

Sex Down South Atlanta, GA

October 2016

Sexualizing Cancer, Presenter

Honoring the groundbreaking intersectional feminist work of late cancer warrior and author Audre Lorde while using theoretical frameworks from Paulo Freire and bell hooks to create a learner-centered culturally-inclusive workshop that does not place or limit breast cancer patients to the heroic-inspirational mainstream narrative, 'Sexualizing Cancer' is a critical, socio-sexual, political exercise in resistance—a call to meaningful collaboration between anyone with a chronic illness/disability or varying ability committed to affirming sexual health as essential to breast cancer treatment and recovery.

National Sexual Health Conference, Denver, CO

March 2015

Culture as an Entryway to Sex and Sexuality, Co- Presenter

This workshop explores participants various intersections of identity that may or may not inform their sexual values. The workshop invites all participants regardless of background to engage in a dialogue about their identity as access to understanding their views on sex and sexuality.

Sexuality Careers Conference, Chester, PA

September 2015

Being a Person of Color in a Human Sexuality Program, Panelist

This panel exposed the ways in which the experiences of Black Graduate students of a sexuality program certainly differ than their white counterparts. The intention of the panel was to expose the voices that are often not centered or heard at Widener's Human Sexuality program.

Sexuality Careers Conference, Chester, PA

September 2015

Public Speaking: A Guide for Sex Educators Workshop, Presenter

This interactive workshop was to support future sexuality educators by enhancing their public speaking skills. The workshop walked participants through basic warm-up and speaking exercises using common sexuality classroom teaching tools.

Mother Wit Conference, Brooklyn, NY

August 2015

Owning your Sensuality, Presenter

A workshop designed for black women to define and then create pleasure by their own design. We explored pleasure as an imperative and intimacy beyond socially constructed media representations through discourse surrounding self-esteem building, black queer feminist informed review of sexual anatomy and practical ways to access sexual wellness/ecstasy.

Queen Geniuses Conference, Brooklyn, NY

March 2015

Sexual and Reproductive Anatomy, Presenter

An interactive workshop created for young people to understand the various parts of functions of their sexual and reproductive anatomy. Participants walk away understanding their bodies using informative games and exercises.

National Sex Ed Conference, Bethlehem, NJ

December 2014

Culture as an Entryway to Sex and Sexuality, Co-Presenter

National Sex Ed Conference, Bethlehem, NJ

December 2013

Mapping Streetwise to Sexwise Curriculum to the Sex Education National Standards
Poster Presenter

The Center for Sex Education wrote the curriculum, Streetwise to Sexwise, it was my role to rate its content to the National Sex Education Standards. I presented on my findings via poster presentation after a year of mapping the curriculum.