

Curriculum Vitae

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Objective

To be an agent for change by empowering youth, families, and communities with the skill set to resolve conflict and break the cycles of poverty and generational trauma.

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Master of Arts, Social Work

University of Georgia Athens, GA 2001 - 2003

Concentration: Community Development

Advisor: Dr. Edwin Risler

Bachelor of Arts, Social Work

University of Georgia Athens, GA 1999 - 2001

Concentration: Community Development

Advisor: Dr. Edwin Risler

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Georgia 2016 - Present Athens, Georgia

Part-time instructor in the School of Social Work

Teaching classes based on schedule and need Developing course syllabus to inform students of course requirements Communicating with other instructors regarding courses

Chess & Community Conference, Inc.

2012 - Present

Athens, Georgia

Founder and Executive Director of Chess and Community Conference (CCC): A non-profit organization that develops youth using chess in Northeast Georgia.

Implementing critical thinking techniques for youth at risk of juvenile delinquency Coordinating annual chess conference for youth ages 7-18 Overseeing nine programs

Awarding Think Before You Move Scholarships to exceptional High school students Developing young leaders through critical thinking techniques

Promoting healthy platform to encourage communication between youth, educators, police department, and community leaders

Project Rewire Initiative

2017 – Present

Athens, Georgia

Co-directed Project Rewire Youth Initiative

Initiated collective impact model
Manage program for 60 Homeless, Foster care, DJJ youth
Coordinate programs to meet objectives or Rewiring Athens Youth
Implement Critical thinking and Young Scholars component of Project Rewire

Network Southern Economic Mobility 2016 – 2019

Athens, Georgia

Co-Facilitator of NSEM for Team Athens Georgia

Exploring upward mobility data to address the high youth poverty in Athens Coordinating community strategies for addressing mobility in Athens

Athens Community Partnership for Youth Development 2014 – 2017 Athens, Georgia

Co-Chair of Athens Community Partnership for Youth Development

Coordinating community strategies
Developing strategic plans for Task Force

Social Empowerment Center 2014 – 2018 Athens, Georgia

Therapist, Consultant

Developing, coordinating, and implementing youth groups and workshops Conducting wrap-around services for at-risk juveniles and families involved with the *Department* of *Juvenile Justice (DJJ)*

Conducting Intensive Family Assessments for families entering DJJ Developing and implementing life skills and anger management curriculum Developing educational plans for high school drop-outs

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Featured on PBS, 2017
Featured on CBS, 2016
Featured on NPR, 2015
TEDxUGA – Independent Ted Talk, 2015

Life the Griot Documentary, 2014 Hidden Ripples: Life's Unspoken Language, 2013

Tree of Life: The Human Ascension Special Edition, 2012

Tree of Life: The Human Ascension, 2010

GRANTS RECEIVED

Athens-Clarke County Community Development Block Grant, 2015 Walton EMC, 2014 Advantage Behavioral Health, 2007

Efficient with CorelDraw, Graphic Programming software

Proficient in Arabic, spoken and written

Served on the board for Yes4health Stone Mountain, Georgia

Served on board of Counselors Impacting Community Non-Profit Conyers, Georgia

Founder and Organizer of Young Legend's (International youth organization) Covington, Georgia

Johannesburg, South Africa

Interned as Probation Officer for Department of Juvenile Justice. Athens, Georgia

Developed and implemented curriculum "Intro to Arabic" and

"Poetry Therapy" at I.W Davis Correctional Facility post 911 terrorist attacks.

The program was developed to ease tension toward Muslim inmates. Jackson, Georgia

HONORS AND AWARDS

Atlanta Braves Community Hero	2018
Daily Points of Light Award	2016
Leslie K. Bates Medal of Excellence	2016
James Dodd Distinguished Alumni Award	2016
President's Fulfilling the Dream Award	2015
Athens Exceptional Community Leader	2013
Super Stars Award, Fourth Street Elementary	2010
Outstanding Community Service, Mary Frances Early Award	2002
Esquire Award, A Regal Man Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated	2001