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Education

Marquette University School of Law, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
J.D., 2005

University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Kenosha, Wisconsin
B.A. in Communication and History, 2001

Academic Appointments

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois
Adjunct Professor, 2014-Present

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, Illinois
Adjunct Professor 2012-2015

North Park University, Chicago, Illinois
Adjunct Professor 2014

Governor State University, University Park, Illinois
Adjunct Professor 2007

Courses Taught

Restorative Justice

Selected Presentations

Presenter, “Restorative Justice: Theory Meets Application”
Harvard Negotiation Law Review
Harvard Law School (2015)

Presenter, “Healing Our Justice System: Restorative Justice and the Law”
Journal of Law and Social Policy
Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (2017)

Presenter, “Restorative Justice in the Classroom”
SpED Summer Institute
Chicago Public Schools (2018)

Presenter, “School Discipline Panel Discussion”
US State Department of Education
Office for Civil Rights (2014)

Law-Related Employment

Restorative Justice Coordinator, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago, IL, May 2015 – Oct. 2017

- Created and facilitated training for school leaders in restorative approaches for Options (alternative) schools regarding re-entry for students post-incarceration
- Managed a caseload of court involved students, providing school entry assistance
- Worked closely with probation regarding reentry needs of students post-incarceration
- Created a restorative re-entry curriculum and guide for schools to use when a student is returning from a long absence

Campaign Director, Center on Wrongful Convictions of Youth, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL, Aug. 2010 – Aug. 2014

- Created public education platforms for legislative change by providing a space for the wrongfully convicted to tell their stories and garner support
- Built relationships with key stakeholders in prioritized states with police, legislators, victims, faithleaders, and prosecutors
- Organized film events, client campaigns for petitions and call-in drives, and other public education opportunities leading to the release of 18 innocent people from prison
- Assisted wrongfully convicted clients in their re-entry processes

Restorative Justice Manager, Alternatives, Inc., Chicago, IL, Nov. 2005 – May 2010

- Served as principal contact and trainer for the largest restorative justice peer jury program in the country. Over 60 Chicago Public Schools participated in the citywide Peer Jury program and advised other school districts such as New York, Los Angeles, and Milwaukee regarding removal of zero tolerance policies
- Facilitated advisory board meetings with attorneys, judges, and community members regarding school disciplinary policies, juvenile justice issues, and the Cook County juvenile detention center
- Coordinated and oversaw the development, implementation, and ongoing evaluation of all Restorative Justice activities within agency youth development programming
- Increased restorative justice team fourfold: training, supervising, and supporting development
- Ensured compliance and reported on all relevant contracts and grants, including effective performance documentation and timely completion of all necessary reports
- Represented agency in broader community and media such as NPR, “Chicago Tonight,” and Chicago Tribune
- Managed a \$250,000 budget, raised additional funds through researching funding trends and updating grants

Public Defender Appointee, Public Defender’s Office, Milwaukee, WI, June 2005 – Nov. 2005

- Represented indigent offenders in their criminal cases: juveniles and incarcerated adults

Graduate Assistant, Small Claims Mediation Clinic, Milwaukee, WI, September 2004 – July 2005

- Assisted in teaching and supervising law school student mediators mediation techniques and skills
- Organized student mediators, observers, and supervisors with pro se cases from Small Claims Court, prepared files and rooms needed for mediations, created weekly and monthly schedules, drafted final reports for judicial use

Professional Memberships

Bar Admission, State of Wisconsin