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SUMMARY

Qualified nonprofit leader with more than 20 years of experience developing and implementing innovative programs, cultivating teams, and empowering the next generation of change-makers. Skilled in both external and interpersonal communication, inspired by impact networks, and well-versed in moral and adaptive leadership frameworks.

SKILLS

Strategic Planning ♦ Relationship Building ♦ Program Innovation ♦ Donor Cultivation
Grants Management ♦ Coaching/Training ♦ Event Planning ♦ Written and Verbal Communication

EXPERIENCE

COMMUNITY STRATEGIST

July 2022 – Present

The HOW Institute for Society, National/International

Design vision, strategy, and implementation for an international community of 350+ emerging leaders dedicated to the framework and practical application of moral leadership in our increasingly interdependent world and workplace.

- Develop annual fellow community curriculum content and virtual workshop events with experts in their field, including learning intensives with Dr. Dana Born, Dr. Sherry Turkle, and Gautam Mukunda, among other contemporary leadership writers, speakers, and educators.
- Mentor fellowship team of 25-30 fellow coaches, who guide fellows along their fellowship learning experience.
- Launch inaugural Leadership Council, an advisory committee of fellowship graduates who want to help shape the graduate community experience.
- Collaborate with partner organizations (Levi's, Mastercard, Morgan Stanley, etc.) to develop ongoing learning initiatives for fellowship graduates within the unique company structure of each partner, highlighting core values and moral leadership practical application.
- Build all facets of fellow community, including virtual connectivity hub, promotional content, and library.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

August 2018 – July 2022

OZ Arts, Nashville, TN

Conceived, developed, and implemented meaningful community and educational experiences designed for Nashville's emerging artists, 80K+ MNPS youth, and the many vibrant communities within Davidson County.

- Positioned OZ Arts as both a physical and virtual hub for arts access, including free monthly programs and partnerships to deepen community connections within and beyond Davidson County.
- Established rich partnerships with local community organizations, including 21c Museum Hotel, National Museum of African American Music, Vanderbilt Curb Center for Art, Enterprise, and Public Policy, Global Education Center, FiftyForward, Hispanic Family Foundation, among others.
- Partnered with Metro Nashville Public Schools to impact 1.6K+ students annually via STEAM Fusion, an original STEAM-integrated program series designed to meet the ever-changing needs of MNPS, including virtual content as-needed and applicable TN state academic standards.
- Created and implemented innovative hybrid programs that engage the community in a variety of ways, including Brave New Art podcast, Art Wire creative writing collaboration with The Porch Literary Center, senior programs, and the annual OZ Family Day Festival.

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- Secured corporate, foundation, and government support toward 1.9M OZ Arts operating budget.
- Engage audiences of 200-500 in post-performance conversations and panel discussions

DIRECTOR, VANDERBILT SUMMER ACADEMY

October 2013 – May 2018

Vanderbilt Programs for Talented Youth (PTY), Nashville, TN

Managed all aspects of academic and residential campus programs for 600+ gifted middle and high school students annually, including the hiring and training process for more than 75 faculty and administrators.

- Served as a key member of PTY leadership team, managing and executing academic residential programs for youth and professional development conferences for educators and admin working with high ability students.
- Led and facilitated quarterly trainings for 25-50 faculty designed to provide high ability youth with academic challenges via rigorous course content and appropriate scaffolding.
- Developed age-appropriate social-emotional practices within the summer framework.
- Co-implemented Reading Academy at Vanderbilt, a partner program with Creswell Middle School designed to inspire a love of reading, culminating each year with a visiting YA author visit, including Jacqueline Woodson, Jason Reynolds, and Christopher Paul Curtis.
- Ensured smooth operations, program logistics, and legal compliance, collaborating with 10+ university departments, including Office of Conferences, Risk Management, Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, VU School of Medicine, and Office of General Counsel.

PROFESSOR, ADJUNCT / COMPOSITION, CREATIVE WRITING, AND THEATRE

2003 – 2018

Vanderbilt University, DePaul University, Northwestern, University of New Hampshire

Interlochen Center for the Arts, National High School Institute, and Chicago Dramatists

- Designed and taught 20+ middle school, high school, and undergraduate courses, including first-year personal narrative, persuasive, and analytical writing courses, fiction and creative nonfiction, and hybrid writing genres.
- Selected as Interlochen Arts Academy writer-in-residence in 2013, served as a member of the creative writing faculty, and continued as interim director of creative writing at Interlochen Arts Camp.
- Held three-year teaching fellowship with University of New Hampshire creative writing MFA program.

EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts / Creative Writing, University of New Hampshire

2008 - 2011

English Department Award for Teaching Excellence, 2011; Richard Shea Memorial Award, Fiction, 2010 & 2011; and Thomas Williams Memorial Award, Excellence in Writing, 2009

Bachelor of Arts / Theater, University of Virginia

1996 - 2000

Jefferson Scholar Finalist

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

NXT-GEN Fellowship for Moral Leadership
Digital Crisis Counselor, The Trevor Project
Member, The Porch Literary Center
Rose Metal Press, Chapbook winner, 2015
Best Small Fictions, 2016

Racial Equity in Arts Leadership 2021 Cohort
STEAM Advisory Council, Metro Nashville Public Schools
UVA Jefferson Scholar, International Application Evaluator
Association of Writers and Writing Programs
National Guild of Community Arts Education