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Education

M.St. Master's of Women's Studies

Pembroke College, Oxford, England, UK. 2004

M.A. Master's in United States History

Boise State University, Boise, ID. 2002

Bachelor's in Science in Sociology with a minor in Gender Studies

Boise State University, Boise, ID. 2001

Employment

Related Experience

- **Lecturer and Internship Coordinator, Sociology Department**, August 2011 to present
Boise State University, Boise, ID

I develop and teach a combination of large introductory sections (200 students), smaller sections (40 students) at the undergraduate and graduate levels. I also do some online teaching for both Sociology and Gender Studies. In addition to my teaching responsibilities, I advise students and participate in departmental and campus committees when and where appropriate. In my role as internship coordinator, I assist the department's graduates with an internship experience in the community during their senior year.

- **Researcher**, July 2015 to present
Mayor's Office, City of Boise, Boise, ID

I research and write white papers for the Mayor of Boise. The range of topics varies but all consider questions of public policy and municipal government.

- **Director of Women's Programs and Chair of Women's Studies**, August 2007-December 2011
Monterey Community College (MPC), Monterey, CA

During my four years at MPC, I worked as Chair of Women's Studies Department at Monterey Peninsula College in Monterey, California. Had I not resigned this position in December of 2010 in order to move back to Idaho, I was on track to be offered tenure in the Spring of 2011.

My duties included hiring and supervision of faculty and staff; program review to include aligning programmatic goals with college goals, curriculum review, FTE analyses, new faculty

requests, collaboration with other faculty and administration on campus on boards and shared-governance committees, regularly attending academic conferences, increasing access and retention rates for students, and a 4/4 teaching load.

I was actively involved in accreditation processes, developing campus wide “measurable” learning outcome standards and the development of tools for evaluation outcomes, all of which was governmentally mandated “accountability” or “standardization” procedures.

I was directly responsible for the continual fundraising, accounting and allocation of four donor supported funds to include a \$100,000 endowment, an average of \$14,000 grant allocation to students a year and a variety of direct services to include an emergency food pantry and textbook loan program.

My community outreach for this position included presenting at college in-service as Faculty Presenter, participating as a county commissioner for the Equal Opportunity Commission for Monterey County and as a board member for The Women’s Fund at the Community Foundation in Monterey, CA. Women’s Studies also put on an event for the community each semester, maintained a bi-yearly newsletter to donors and attending numerous fundraisers.

- **Adjunct Instructor for Sociology, History and Gender Studies**, June 2004 through June 2006
Sociology Department, History Department and Gender Studies Department, Boise State University, Boise, ID
- **Research Assistance, Fall 2000 and Spring 2001**
History Department, Boise State University, Boise, ID
- **Teaching Assistant, Fall 1999-Fall 2000**
Sociology Department, Boise State University, Boise, ID
- **Family Court Services, Family Court Specialist Summer 1997-Spring 2001**
Ada County, Boise, Idaho

Administration of the Ada County “Focus on Children” parenting workshops. Duties included the supervision of staff members, the completion of legal documentation and assisting litigants ordered to attend workshop with mediation, the completion income affidavits, computing child support according to the Idaho Child Support Guidelines, and preparing individuals for the legal process involved in divorce and modification.

Community Involvement

- Co-facilitator for student club, “Students for Prison Awareness”, Fall 2015 – Present
- Developing a college level course for local area prisons and engaging stakeholders (Idaho Department of Corrections and Inside Out Prison Exchange) in the relevant planning and implementation processes.
- Student in the Ph.D. program in Public Administration offered through the School of Public Service.

