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OBJECTIVE

To take on and accomplish work that will forward the human rights of all, with particular interest in empowering women to better their status and life circumstances.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Pittsburgh

December 2001

MAJOR: **Social Welfare**

CERTIFICATION: **Women's Studies**

HONORS: Deans list Spring and Summer 2001

REPRESENTATIVE COURSE TOPICS

– Social Policy – Social Research Methods & Ethics – Statistics – Intro to Computing – Counseling Psychology
– Counseling Lab – Adolescent Development – Women's History – Global Women's Issues – Public Speaking
– French (four semesters) – Family Violence – Child Welfare – Gender & Race Relations – Women's Bodies, Health & Disease
– Extensive Writing Courses – Women & the Health Care System – Cultural Competence

SEMESTER AT SEA

Was one of 600 students from diverse nations who participated in this innovative program sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh. Traveled to 10 different nations including Canada, Japan, China, Vietnam, Malaysia, India, Kenya, South Africa, Brazil, and Cuba. In each country, visited rural and urban communities, met people, and came into contact with various aspects of its culture. While on shipboard, took courses offered by an all-star international faculty. In addition to studying the history, politics, economy, religion, and culture of each country in advance of our visit, took credit courses in Oceanography, Ecology, and Women's Special Topics. Received a Shipboard Service Award for "making a difference in the lives of others."

COMMENT: Countries visited independently of academic programs include Britain, France, Mexico, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and several Caribbean nations.

SCOPE Student Community Organizers Promoting Equality

Have gained skills to provide techniques and ideas for promoting community organizing on sexual assault and dating / domestic violence issues on campus to other student groups.

INTERNSHIP

Research Specialist, Human Rights Watch

Washington, DC; Summer 2001

- Made daily internet searches of periodicals, book releases, and various special publications to identify key items related to women's rights and forward references to writers and researchers within the organization.
- Searched topics such as genocide, forced labor, rape, trafficking, gender equality, and LGBT issues.
- Helped coordinate press conferences and other publicity activities involved in releasing research reports on topics ranging from domestic labor abuses and high school LGBT practices in the US to domestic violence in Uzbekistan.
- Attended congressional hearings and prepared / circulated staff summaries on issues including racism, xenophobia, and various forms of discrimination.
- Compiled two resource packets on female genital mutilation and women in Afghanistan under the Taliban Regime.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Take Back the Night

Madison, WI; 2000 - Present

Participate actively in leadership and planning meetings, distribute fliers, solicit businesses for cash and in-kind donations, and take my place in marches making a stand against violence towards women.

UW Alternative Spring Break

Denver, CO; 2001

As one of a ten-person group, met and interacted with diverse community agencies and populations served in Denver. Worked with staff and clients at a shelter for abused women and children, a second shelter for homeless families, a food bank, a meal program for AIDS victims, and a Ronald McDonald House. Assisted with distribution of food and clothing, delivered meals, and performed various similar tasks.

YWCA Women's Shelter

Madison, WI; 2000

Led field trips and engaged in one-to-one and small group activities with children temporarily housed on the family floor. Gave children interesting / constructive things to do allowing mothers to attend to their personal needs.

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Office Assistant, Briarpatch,

Madison, WI; February - May 2001 & September 2001 - Present

- Provide direct clerical support to the Director of a long established non-profit agency that works throughout Dane County to serve troubled youth and their families.
- Review and summarize the Director's incoming mail, take notes, and help compose official correspondence.
- Sit in on and take notes for various confidential human resource and interagency meetings.

Day Camp Counselor < Assistant Director, Oak Park Parks District

Oak Park, IL; Summers 1998 & 2000

Sales Associate, Borders Book Store

Oak Park, IL; Summer 2000

Receptionist / Clerical Support Worker, Aveda Hair Salon

Madison, WI; Academic year, 1999 - 2000

References will be gladly provided upon readers' request