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Education

M.A., Human Services: Student Personnel Services in Higher Education **2012**

Eastern Kentucky University

B.S., Middle/Secondary Education **2010**

University of Louisville

Ph.D., Cultural Foundations of Educations

Kent State University

- *Research areas: Restorative Practices in Higher Education, Cultural Taxation, & Academic Identity Development within Multicultural, Underrepresented Populations in Post-Secondary Education.*

Higher Education Work Experience

Academic Advisor **5/2013 - present**

Kent State University, Vacca Office of Student Services (EHHS)

Academically Advises Exercise Science (Exercise Specialist, Exercise Physiology, and Pre-Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy) and Athletic Training students on graduation requirements for degree completion. Refers students to student support services for individualized assistances in academics, social, civil, and personal development. Counsels students on career opportunities within their major. Utilizes student development theory to aid in holistic growth of students. Co-Coordinated initiatives to aid in diverse populations within the EHHS Advising population; i.e. STARS and Non-traditional students.Aids in developing innovative advising strategies with advising students. Present student success information to groups of college students and parents. Blackboard and GPS: Degree Works Trained.

Educational Coordinator **1/2012 - 1/2013**

Eastern Kentucky University, Educational Talent Search (TRiO)

Implemented workshops and programming geared towards underrepresented, minority, rural, and/or first generation middle/high school students interested in future post-secondary education. Advised middle/high school students and their parents on future career development, life planning, academics, and financial aid opportunities. Recruited students using innovative event planning, parent outreach, and community support. Blumen Database Trained. Prepped in grant activities for TRiO programs and grant writing.

Accomplishments:

- *Enhanced scholarship essay writing workshop to captivate & engage 11th grade participants.*
- *Developed summer camp programming for Camp Chameleon (8th grade camp) & College Prep Camp (high school camp).*
- *Aided in developing innovative technological processes for Educational Talent Search data entry*

- *Adobe pdf applications*
- *Electronic options for mandatory paperwork for Educational Talent Search participants*
- *PowerPoint workshop materials*
- *Electronic filing of needs assessments, applications, and FAFSA information*

Graduate Assistant **4/2011 - 12/2011**

Eastern Kentucky University, Student Outreach & Transition Of

Advised and mentored Dr. Rodney T. Gross Scholars participants, a minority academic scholarship at the Eastern Kentucky University. Created and editedThe Connection: Rodney T. Gross Scholars Newsletter. Planned academic and social-oriented events for Gross Scholars. Collaborated with faculty-staff for academic support. Executed clerical duties in Student Outreach and Transition Office. Recruited students using event planning, high school faculty/staff networking, and EKU admissions events. Prepared transfer student enrollment data with Excel. Utilized Banner System to aid in transfer admission and Rodney T. Gross scholar academic support.
Accomplishments:

- *Created and edited The Connection: Rodney Gross Scholars Newsletter*
- *Developed workshops for Rodney Gross Scholars:*
- *Writing workshops*
- *Community Service workshops*
- *Get Involved: Student Activities*
- *Study Skills workshops*
- *Graduate School workshops*
- *Financial Aid workshops*
- *Goal Setting*

(PT Contract) Adult Education Adjunct Instructor **9/2011 - 11/2011**

Eastern Kentucky University, Adult Education Department

Developed lessons to teach GED Students. Taught Mathematics, Language Arts, and Reading Curriculum.Tracked progress of GED Students using TABE testing, summative, and formative assessments. Recruited students using community agency and outreach. Facilitated study skill instructions. Coordinated career-development and basic technological training.
Accomplishments:

- *Developed innovative teaching practices using technology and intervention methods.*
- *Developed community partnerships with local Richmond, Kentucky agencies, churches, and groups.*

Tutor **1/2008 - 12/2009**

University of Louisville, REACH Academic Success Center

Tutored University of Louisville students in History, Political Science, and Geography.Recruited students by participating in welcome weekend, academic events, and faculty/staff collaboration.Rank I and II Certified in Tutoring.
Accomplishments:

- *Received Rank I & II Certification in Tutoring.*
- *Created techniques for tutoring students in History, Political Science, & Geography.*
- *Developed faculty/staff collaborations at the University of Louisville to strengthen involvement in program.*

CAPS Mentor/CAPS Student Lead **6/2007 - 8/2009**

University of Louisville, First-Year Initiatives (UGA)

Mentored first-year students at the University of Louisville during the summer to aid in transition from high school to college. Supervised CAPS mentors as "student lead". Organized orientation and welcome weekend activities to connect with first-year students. Developed partnerships with community programs and University of Louisville departments to generate support, awareness, and receive information to benefit students during their transition to college.
Accomplishments:

- *Developed partnerships with community programs and University of Louisville departments.*
- *Created "Where at U of L are Megan & Jillian?" YouTube videos to inform students of opportunities at the University of Louisville and around the Louisville community.*
- *Appointed as CAPS Student Lead*
- *Responsible for aiding mentors in innovative approaches to reach students, event planning, and data entry of mentor activities.*

REACH Ambassador **8/2007 - 5/2008**

University of Louisville, REACH Ambassador Program

*Mentored first-year students at the University of Louisville to aid in transition from high school to college. Recruited students by participating in orientation, welcome weekend events and campus outreach**Most Outstanding REACH Ambassador of the Year (2007-2008).** Rank I Mentoring Certification.*
Accomplishments:

- *Received entrance into REACH Ambassador program from being admitted into Freshman LEAD competitive leadership program during freshman year. Students that entered into Freshman LEAD automatically can be REACH Ambassadors without interviewing.*
- *Created techniques to reach students by creating events, study sessions, and campus involvement.*
- *Named "Most Outstanding REACH Ambassador of the Year (2007-2008)" for greater number of contacts, innovative techniques of contacts, and comments from mentees.*
- *Received Rank I Mentoring certifications.*

Publications

Watts, Jillian R. *Life Planning for College-Bound Parents: The 5 Essentials for Student Parent Success.* 2012
[Self-Publication: Awaiting Publisher].

- Mentioned by University of Wisconsin-La Crosse *Campus Connection (2 July 2012): "The Population of Student Parents in College is growing."*
- Utilized by University of Toronto Family Care Office: Fall 2012 Student Parent Orientation.

Publication: *Books Authored*

Watts, Jillian R. *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education.* 4/26/2012, Vol. 29 Issue 6, p23-23. 1p 2012

http://diverseeducation.com/article/17071/#

Publication: *Magazine*

Presentations

June 22, 2012 Ohio State University: Student Parent Support 2012
Symposium Worthington, Ohio
Co-Presenter

- Presented "5 Essentials for Student-Parent Success" at Student Parent Support Symposium (sponsored by the Ohio State University) with recent bachelor's degree awarded student, DeLena Hall.
- Highlights the role of academic support, career development, family support, social support, and life planning.

Type: *State Invited*

April 10, 2012 IDEAS Diversity 2012
Conference Richmond, Kentucky
Co-Presenter

- Facilitated activities "Cultural Competence: A Viable Approach to Effective Service Delivery - CC Track" presentation with Presenter, Dr. Roger Cleveland.
- Organized presentation materials for cultural competency training.

Type: *State Invited*

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