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EDUCATION

- COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, MSN, DNP** Fall 2026
Activities: Columbia Black Student Nurses, Member
- THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO, MPH** Spring 2018
Activities: Radical Public Health Association, Member
American Public Health Association, Student Member
- MILLS COLLEGE, B.A. in Ethnic Studies & Sociology** Spring 2016
Semester Abroad: Gender and Sexuality in Social Justice Movements, Cuernavaca, Mexico
Awards: Emerging Leader of Color Award, Scholar
Activities: Black Women's Collective, President
Mills College Student Government, Health Chairman
Black Student Taskforce, Student Chairman
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, Member
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ROOTED LLC, New York, NY** Summer 2020 – Current
Co-Founder
Co-Founded an organization committed to providing culturally empowering services, holistic resources, and social advocacy tools to improve mental and physical health and promote living healthier more self-determined lives. Conduct therapy, doula, and childbirth education sessions for high-risk populations. Founded “The People’s Doula Project”, a low-cost doula and therapeutic initiative for Black birthing people aimed at reducing maternal and infant mortality and morbidity. Served as a subject matter expertise to the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG) and Kellogg’s / UNC-Chapel Hills’ Preconception Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (Preconception CoIIN) initiative to design health education materials and communications on mental health and perinatal health. Provide health justice and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) training and consultation to non-profit and for-profit agencies. 2021 Represented Foundation’s Social Impact Incubator Fellow.
- THE INSTITUTE FOR FAMILY HEALTH, New York, NY** Summer 2021 – Fall 2023
Director of Care Management
Directs the Institute’s Perinatal Care and Centering (PCC) Program. Arranges technical assistance for the sites enrolled in the PCC program. Schedules and attends collaborative care meetings as required, including check-in calls with each of the care management programs, practice administrators, and providers. Coordinates the Institutes' CenteringPregnancy and CenteringParenting training program. Supervises care navigators, program coordinators, and staff responsible for coordinating training and administering perinatal health social support. Work with department managers on special maternal health projects such as Centering, My Care Companion, Perinatal Infant and Community Health Collaborative (PICHC), and Healthy Families. Collaborates on grant writing for perinatal and infant health state and private-funded projects.

RADICAL HEALTH INC., New York, NY

Fall 2019 – Summer 2021

Operations Manager

Successfully built out the daily operations and technology of a health start-up by building project plans, and managing employees to ensure optimal growth. Assisted in building out the initial technology for a Chabot app designed to provide users with health information before, during, and after a doctor's visit. Composed and managed proposals for government grants and private funding. Reviewed and reconciled budget expenditures. Facilitated meetings between internal and external stakeholders. Executed project management to ensure timely meeting of project deliverables, milestones, and targets. Provided strategic insight over projects to strengthen program development and delivery. Collected, reviewed, and maintained project data and documentation. Managed a portfolio of high-profile client accounts.

HARLEM CHILDREN'S ZONE, New York, NY

Fall 2019 – Fall 2020

Health Specialist

Designed an implementation plan for a non-profit program model. Advised on best practices in physical activity, nutrition education, and community support. Integrated health and wellness programs as an all-encompassing approach to encourage healthy lifestyles. Successfully provided targeted support for high-risk youth and their parents/caregivers.

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF CHICAGO, Chicago, IL

Summer 2018 – Summer 2019

Health Partnership Specialist

Provided policy implementation support to promote adherence to school-based health policy, performed quality improvement analysis on school-based health education programs, and informed the relevant community and coalition groups of the latest health promotion trends. Written proposals for grant funding.

HEALTH INITIATIVES FOR YOUTH, Oakland, CA

Summer 2015 – Summer 2016

Health Educator and Trainer

Managed daily operations of LGBTQ youth drop-in centers. Provided LGBTQ youth clients with referrals to mental, medical, and housing support services. Facilitated workshops for adolescents on sexual health, puberty, and additional lifestyle-related content. Designed need-based curriculum and integrative training on sexuality and gender identity for LGBTQIA* identified youth and health professionals. Collaborated with federal, state, and community stakeholders to sustain supportive services for LGBTQ youth.

RESEARCH AND INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

INSTITUTE FOR JUVENILE AND PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO,
Chicago, IL

Fall 2017 – Spring 2018

Co-Investigator

Taught HIV and sexual health literacy to American Indian adult populations and conducted focus groups and interviews on HIV, sexual health, and intimate partner violence. Performed research analysis and literature reviews for grant maintenance.

PCC WELLNESS CENTER, Chicago, IL

Fall 2017 – Spring 2018

Research Assistant

Designed a community health analysis on pregnant women, intimate partner violence, and community-related violence. Produced written IRB proposals and literature reviews.

PROJECT BROTHERHOOD, Chicago, IL

Summer 2016 – Summer 2017

Research Assistant

Developed media outreach to increase HPV vaccinations and preventive health-related programs in African American men through sociocultural methods.

MILLS COLLEGE, BLACK WOMEN BIRTHING JUSTICE, Oakland, CA

Summer 2015 – Spring 2016

Research Assistant

Assisted in participant outreach, data collection, event support, and social media management.

LIFELONG MEDICAL CARE, Oakland, CA

Summer 2015

Summer Intern

Managed a smoking case study and composed an evaluation summary on the center's efforts to promote smoking cessation among their patients. Facilitated nutrition education classes, diabetes management groups, and an HCV support group for aging populations. Conducted daily outreach calls to improve patient follow-up and lower high readmission rates.

SELECTED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CHILDREN'S HEALTH QUALITY

New York, NY

Spring 2022

Participated in a round table discussion entitled *Equity for Maternal Child Health*.

MINDING THE GAP, HULU ORIGINAL DOCUMENTARY PANEL

Chicago, IL

Fall 2018

Participated in a panel discussion on domestic violence, healing from trauma, and building healthy relationships.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO PUBLIC HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

Chicago IL

Spring 2018

Presented original research entitled *Assessing the Availability, Eligibility, and Compatibility of Mental Health Resources in Chicago for African American Adolescents*.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO MINORITY HEALTH CONFERENCE

Chicago IL

Fall 2017

Presented on original research entitled *The Ethics of Mental Health Assessment: Using Evidence-Based Assessment Practices to Improve the Diagnostic Accuracy in Mental Health Help-Seeking African American Adolescents*.

PUBLICATIONS

Action Plan for a Reimagined New York, Final Report of the Reimagine New York Commission, 2021, https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/atoms/files/CRNY_Report.pdf.

Criminalization of Black, Latino, and Native American K-12 Students in Schools, American Public Health Association Policy Statement. 2018.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

THE BLACK INSTITUTE, New York, NY

Fall 2019

Campaign Organizer

Organized small Black-owned business owners in Brooklyn, NY, to petition against illegal inspections by the New York State Liquor Authority and local police enforcement.

STEMS 4 GIRLS (S4G), Tallahassee, FL

Summer 2019 – Summer 2020

Member of the Board of Directors

Develop and review S4G policies, practices, and strategies. Promote volunteer opportunities for college STEM students to tutor program participants.