

# NAYA RUSSELL-COPRICH

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## EXPERIENCE

### CURRENT

#### **GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT**, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA

Qualitative methods research assistant at the Nebraska Center for Justice Research Lab at the University of Nebraska Omaha. Duties include evaluation write ups, quarterly reports, and literary analysis.

### 2022 – 2024

#### **PROGRAM SUPERVISOR**, DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS EXTENDED LEARNING

Oversees a before and after school program that services over 150 families of children ages five to thirteen. Manages the program strategy, personnel, safety, grant administration, and budget execution. Writes and manages those that write age-appropriate text and task for students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade.

### 2023 – CURRENT

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, COLORADO BLACK WOMEN FOR POLITICAL ACTION

A non-partisan and non-profit organization with a steadfast commitment to encourage and support Black individuals in the political process. Its members seek, daily, to infuse Colorado politics with the strength and perspective of the Black woman.

- Communication and Social Media Chair

### 2020 – CURRENT

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, TEENS INC.

Review and approve annual budgets, approve changes of organization included changes to programming, updating strategic plans, and additions to new programs.

- Diversity and Inclusion Committee
- Youth Support Committee

### 2020 - 2022

#### **GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT**, UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO

Provide support for a designated professor of criminal justice and criminology at the University of Northern Colorado. Reinforce lessons by offering tutoring services to individual students or small groups. Other duties include creating lesson plans, teaching these lessons, documenting student progress, and overseeing lesson preparation.

#### **2021 – 2022**

##### **PROGRAM AND DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST, BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB**

Plans, supervises, and implements a variety of high-yield activities and targeted programs revolving around youth engagement, development, and education. Ensures the completion of daily activities maximizing productive and achieving both long and short-term goals.

#### **2018 – 2020**

##### **ACADEMIC BRIDGE MENTOR, UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO**

Mentored a total of seven incoming college freshmen attending the University of Northern Colorado. Planned and implemented weekly events such as study nights and game nights in order to help freshmen become acclimated with the changes that come with attending the university.

#### **2014 – 2019**

##### **TEENS INC. JUNIOR SUPERVISOR, TEAMWORKS**

Led a team of 18 employees throughout urban and rural parts of Colorado to complete restoration for victims affected by natural disasters including but not limited to fires, floods, and tornadoes. As a junior supervisor I fueled intrinsic motivation, personal accountability, communication and collaboration, scientific reasoning and critical thinking in youth and young adults to propel them toward successful academic and professional paths.

## EDUCATION

CURRENT

**PHD PROGRAM, CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE**, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA  
AT OMAHA

MAY 2022

**MASTER OF ART, CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE**, UNIVERSITY OF  
NORTHERN COLORADO

MAY 2020

**BACHELOR OF ART, CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE**, UNIVERSITY OF  
NORTHERN COLORADO

## ACTIVITIES

- Member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated Theta Iota Chapter
- Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Scholar
- Sachs Foundation Scholar
- Criminal Justice Society
- Black Women of Today
- Black Campus Ministry
- Black Student Union

## Professional Academic Experience

- Teaching Assistant, University of Northern Colorado. (2020 – Present)
  - CRJ 360 Theories of Crime
  - CRJ 380 Research Methods in Criminal Justice
  - CRJ 480 Research Methods and Statistics II
- Research Assistant, University of Northern Colorado (2020 – Present)
  - "Focus Reentry: Evaluation of a jail to community reentry program in Boulder County" (Writing Results)
  - OER CRJ 380 Research Methods in Criminal Justice Textbook Project

## Professional Presentations

- Academy of Criminal Justice Science Presenter
- CRJ 380 Research Methods in Criminal Justice Invited Guest Lecture (Interviews)
- CRJ 380 Research Methods in Criminal Justice Invited Methods Workshop Coordinator

## Research Grants

- \$3,000 OER Research Grant Awardee

## Awards

- Dean's Citation of Excellence 2022
- Dean's List of Distinction 2016 - 2020
- College of Humanities & Social Sciences  
Awardee Criminal Justice & Criminology

- College of Humanities & Social Sciences  
Awardee Africana Studies
- Lisa Marie Kimmell Memorial Scholarship  
Awardee
- Marcus Garvey Cultural Center Scholarship  
Recipient