## **BRETT DOLOTINA**

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#### **EDUCATION**

The University of Texas at Austin

Bachelor of Science: Public Health

May 2021

Bachelor of Science and Arts: Biochemistry Honors Minor: Concentration in Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

Certificate: Bridging Disciplines Program, Children & Society - Children's Health

Health Science Scholars honors program

#### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

## Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Lab – UT Population Research Center

Fall 2018 - Present

Principal Investigator – Dr. Stephen Russell

Sexuality Disclosures in Healthcare Settings

Spring 2019 - Fall 2019

- Developed independent research project as a member of the Junior Fellows honors program involving analysis of interview data from LGB participants regarding coming-out disclosures to healthcare providers
- Coded qualitative keywords regarding emotion (fear, discomfort, etc.) into quantitative frequencies

Senior Honors Thesis: Mental Health Benefits of Family Support Among Transgender Youth

Fall 2020 - Present

• Examining the quantitative relationships between family support of gender identity and self-esteem, suicidal ideation, and depressive symptoms among transgender youth

#### LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## **Interpersonal Violence Peer Support Program** – *Peer Supporter*

Spring 2018 – Present

- Provided one-on-one emotional support, resources, and guidance for members of the diverse student community who have experienced and/or been impacted by interpersonal violence (IPV)
- Scheduled and provided outreach presentations regarding support services for students impacted by IPV

#### **Every Texan** – Policy Leaders of Tomorrow Fellow

Fall 2020 – Present

- Engaging in and championing issues in higher education policy as part of a self-constructed policy agenda
- Developing the logistical and educational tools to advocate for inclusive policies through empowerment, learning, and leadership development

## **Texas Roundtable** – *President*

Fall 2020 - Present

- Oversee 23 other presidents of social, spirit, and honorary organizations and lead discussions on equity, community, and interpersonal violence prevention in our respective spaces
- Appointed the organization's first Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director focused on actionable change
- Facilitate ideation for the Vick Project, a semesterly service initiative that aims to benefit the UT community at large

## **Senate of College Councils** – *President's Student Advisory Committee Member*

Summer 2020 – Present

- Coauthored the <u>Student Community Statement</u>: 8 Demands for Transformative Change in collaboration with 16 Black and Indigenous student organizations, garnering 4,000+ signatures from students, staff, and faculty
- Meet monthly with UT President Hartzell to express student concerns regarding campus climate and policy

## **Mental Health Ambassador Program** – *Ambassador*

Spring 2019 – Fall 2020

- Underwent training on how to lead dialogues about mental health and wellness (bystander intervention, creating safe spaces, etc.) in student organizations and communities
- Held multiple workshops to cultivate a community of support in student organizations

# College of Natural Sciences (CNS) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee – Active Member

Spring 2019 - Present

- Advised CNS faculty on how to improve diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts in CNS programs
- Attended Honors information sessions for high school students and their families to provide insight into CNS programs

# Out Youth Texas Gender & Sexuality Alliance Network – Volunteer

Spring 2019

 Called Texas high schools and provided resources for staff members to support LGBTQ+ students and start Gender & Sexuality Alliances

## Originality in Arts and Sciences (UGS 303) – Teaching Assistant

Fall 2018, Fall 2019

- Oversaw multiple cohorts of honors students and guided discussion of research ideas in their science, humanities, and group research inquiries
- Taught students how to properly use wet lab equipment in their independent research projects