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Michelle H. Lessly

I believe data tells a story and uncovers solutions to problems. Using both qualitative and quantitative methods, I bridge the gap between research, theory and praxis. With the purpose of improving the quality of the learning experience, I strive to make connections between students, researchers, education professionals, and public policy makers.

EXPERIENCE

MIT
Area Director
Cambridge, MA

2011-Present: Actively engaged in with undergraduate STEM students to promote academic success. Developed educational initiatives as informed by data and with a focus on assessment. Daily collaborations with faculty and campus partners to develop educational initiatives, including curriculum and online learning. Experience collaborating with donors and prominent alumni.

PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY
Assistant Director, Residence
Life & Judicial Affairs
Malibu, CA

2008-2011: Developed student leadership and peer-education curricula. Served as departmental liaison for university wide initiatives and policy development. Supervised both full-time paraprofessional staff. Taught in the Communications Department as Adjunct Faculty.

ABILENE CHRISTIAN
UNIVERSITY
Residence Director
Abilene, TX

2007-2008: Created educational initiatives and programming for undergraduate students based on qualitative and quantitative data. Developed departmental and institutional policies on student leadership, wellness, diversity, and academic development. Cultivated expertise in higher education law and public policy.

EDUCATION

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
Doctorate of Law & Public Policy

Successfully defended June 2016: Doctoral Thesis: The De-Identification of MOOC Datasets to Demonstrate the Potential FERPA Compliance of MOOC Platform Providers. Other Research: Understanding the Intersection of Title IX and MOOCs: Future Implications for Education Policy, Qualitative Assessment of FERPA Comprehension

ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
Masters of Education

May 2008: Internships and Practicums: Office of Judicial Affairs, Office of Legal Services, Office of Career and Academic Development.

ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
Bachelor of Arts, Biblical Text

May 2005: Degree emphasis in Hebrew and Greek, Minor in English.

AWARDS

Division of Student Life
Student Life Award, 2016

Division of Student Life
Unsung Hero Award, 2015

Division of Student Life
Star Award, 2013, 2015

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Qualitative Research		Communication	
Quantitative Research		Strategic Planning	
Assessment		Collaboration	
Management		Problem Solving	