

## **COURTNEY HOOKS**

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### **EDUCATION**

**Hampshire College**, Amherst, MA

Bachelor of Arts, May 2011

Self Designed, Interdisciplinary Concentration: Human Rights & Social Justice

- Focus on Reproductive & Gender Justice

**Union of Artists and Writers**, Study Abroad Exchange, Havana, Cuba, Spring 2009 and Fall 2010

Study Abroad Exchange/Independent Study

### **SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

- Proficient in Spanish, with spanish speaking and translation experience in health care settings
- Health: counseling, one-on-one support, outreach, education, workshop facilitation, research, advocacy
- Computer: Microsoft Office programs, creation and maintenance of databases, experience with computerized medical records and appointment programs, extensive experience with internet research, confident and quick learner of new programs.
- Birth Doula Certification, Fall 2009
- Instructor Certification, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), Spring 2008

### **HEALTH SERVICES EXPERIENCE**

**Doula & Reproductive Choices Clinic Assistant**, June - August 2010

**The Doula Project**, New York, NY

- Provided free continuous emotional, physical, and informational support before, during, and after labor or procedures to people experiencing abortion, miscarriage, or giving birth in home, small clinic, and large public hospital settings
- Counseled patients along with Reproductive Choices Clinic staff at public hospital; provided basic assistance to medical staff
- Translated verbally in Spanish and English between patients and medical staff
- Revised and organized reproductive health materials and managed The Doula Project Facebook page
- Worked closely with project founders to organize intensive trainings for new cohort of doulas

**Outreach Service Coordination and Syringe Exchange Specialist**, May - August 2008

**Helping Individual Prostitutes Survive (HIPS)**, Reproductive Rights Activist Service Corps, Washington, DC

- Planned and implemented new mobile-based syringe exchange program with Outreach Director
- Counseled clients in-person as a member of HIPS crisis team and on 24-hour hotline
- Conducted weekly van & foot outreach to street based sex workers of all genders/ages/sexualities
- Built supportive relationships with clients; distributed condoms, educational materials, Bad Date sheets
- Entered data, ordered supplies, scheduled events, and created printed materials for distribution
- Represented HIPS/harm reduction practices at conferences, workshops, trainings, and community fairs

**Legal Advocate and Researcher**, June 2009 - January 2010

**Justice Now**, Oakland, CA

- Collaborated with LGBTQ and HIV and Hep-C positive people inside women's prisons to create self-help guides about hepatitis C and HIV, safer sex, injection, and tattooing, and life after prison; these guides are currently being circulated in California women's prisons and to other prisoners-rights organizations
- Ghostwrote direct legal advocacy letters in support of incarcerated clients regarding their right to second medical opinion and right to legal counsel
- Interviewed and recorded the accounts of people incarcerated in CA women's prisons who were sterilized
- Drafted a chapter about forced and coerced sterilization based on personal accounts, international human rights law, and the socio-historical context of reproductive oppression of women of color for the human rights report, *Destruction of Reproductive Capacity*

## **NONPROFIT EXPERIENCE**

**Blog Co-Coordinator, Communications and Operations Assistant**, January 2011- May 2011

**Civil Liberties & Public Policy Program, (CLPP)**, Amherst, MA

- Co-created a plan for a 30th Anniversary blog to document CLPP and Population and Development Program (PopDev) history; engage past and present program participants, build interest and anticipation of 30th anniversary CLPP Reproductive Justice Conference, and envision future the movement
- Wrote relevant blog content and co-led networking activity at Conference opening; supported on the ground operation of the Conference
- Posted fresh, reproductive justice content regularly to CLPP Facebook and Twitter pages; boosted level of active member participation in these social media
- Researched and re-organized CLPP and PopDev archives in Hampshire College library, making them directly accessible and easily navigable for future use in CLPP and PopDev offices
- Updated and helped maintain CLPP website, CiviCRM database and corresponding Excel files

**Council Member**, September 2009 - September 2010

**Young Women's Leadership Council**

- Advised Pro-Choice Public Education Project (PEP) on programming and outreach efforts to young women
- Represented Council & PEP at SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective Fall 2009 National Convening
- Lobbied for representatives on Capitol Hill to oppose anti-abortion and anti-immigrant legislation
- Wrote articles about various reproductive justice issues for quarterly newsletter

**Conference Co-Coordinator**, January 2010-May 2010

**Civil Liberties & Public Policy Program (CLPP)**, Amherst, MA

- Co-led 40 person student group that organized CLPP's 2010 conference on reproductive justice: *From Abortion Rights To Social Justice: Building the Movement for Reproductive Freedom*, attended by over 1,200 participants from the U.S. and abroad
- Served as point-person for 4 organizing committees; acted as liaison between student group and CLPP staff
- Ensured completion of conference preparation tasks; provided on the ground conference support; assisted with post-conference duties and follow up

**Intern**, September 2009 - February 2010

**Prison Birth Project**, Amherst, MA

- Provided office, event, and programmatic support to the organization
- Co-organized and moderated an open-community panel about mothers in jail and prison, featuring the founders and 2 formerly incarcerated members of the Prison Birth Project
- Co-organized a benefit concert on behalf of the organization featuring local performance, visual, and radio artists. Estimated attendance: 100 students and community members. 300 dollars raised.
- Increased community participation in Prison Birth Project mailing list.

## **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

**Residential Advisor**, Winter 2008 - Winter 2010

**Residential Life, Hampshire College**

- Created community-building programs and hosted events
- Communicated and negotiated community norms with residents
- Responded to residents' concerns and act as mediator between residents when necessary