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EDUCATION

City Colleges of Chicago, Chicago, IL 2017-2018
Psychology Coursework, Undergraduate Level

- General Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, Lifespan Development

Coursera, Online 2017 - Present
Understanding Clinical Research: Behind the Statistics
Python Programming Essentials (Python for Data Science)

L'Alliance Francaise de Chicago, Chicago, IL 2009-2011
French Language Coursework

- Over 2 years study at Chicago location
- 6 week study abroad at L'Alliance Francaise school, Paris, France

The School of the Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL 2004-2007
[*Bachelor of Fine Arts*](#)

- Advanced painting program; focus in painting, printmaking, photography
- Merit scholarship

DePaul University Theatre School, and School of Music, Chicago, IL 1997-2000
Performing Art Coursework, Vocal Music Performance and Acting

- Merit scholarship for vocal performance

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Top-Down Sexual Discourse in the Mormon Faith

2018 - Present

- Used Python to scrape historical archives of LDS Church periodicals and conference addresses
- Will identify trends in messaging from church leadership via Natural Language Processing and compare with contemporaneous cultural influences
- Will identify differences in messaging to different age groups
- Results to be published in an article on Medium
- Code will be published on Github and an interactive app (allowing other people to search the database) has been published on Heroku

VOLUNTEER WORK

Volunteer Story Collector, Part-time

2016 - Present

Erasing the Distance, Chicago, IL

- Demographic served: all
- Sit with, be present for, record, transcribe and shape stories from people willing to share their experiences of being impacted by mental health issues

Volunteer Sexual Assault Survivor Advocate, Part-time

2017 - Present

YWCA Sexual Violence Support Services, Chicago, IL

- Demographic served: mostly black and lower income populations residing on the south side of Chicago
- Provide intervention for and support to recent survivors of sexual assault in ERs and/or police stations, uphold privacy and protection of absolute privilege
- Advocate for survivor, inform victims of their rights, aid in destigmatizing their assault, help them claim agency and control over their next steps, and inform them of available resources
- Provide follow-up call to survivor, answer any further questions and meet requests for resources

Volunteer, Part-time

2018 - Present

Selah Way Foundation, Chicago, IL

- Demographic served: women of all backgrounds aged 18 to 35
- A global network of anti-sex trafficking services focused on prevention, protection, and provision for at risk women
- Involved in outreach to women still "in the life", education for the public, and in-residence activities

Volunteer for NAMI Walks Chicago, Part-time 2018
NAMI Chicago, Chicago, IL

- Greeted fundraising walkers
- Organized and distributed t-shirts to those raising over \$100

Co-Founder of Local Chapter, Editor, Fundraiser, Part-time 2009-2011
Hollaback!Chicago, Chicago, IL

- Worked with main office in New York to launch website and Holla platform
- Held fundraising event to support main office and national agenda of the organization

EMPLOYMENT

Server and Bartender, Full-time 2008 - Present
Lettuce Entertain You, Chicago, IL

- Provide memorable experiences by engaging with guests with a grounded warmth and genuineness; read verbal and non-verbal cues to assess needs and desires of guests
- Connect with people from all walks of life, helping inexperienced diners feel as valued and important as our most high-profile VIPs
- Make suggestions and offer pairing advice based on extensive wine and food knowledge
- Serve food in a pleasing, well-timed, and well-orchestrated fashion

Manager/Booker/Songwriter/Lead Singer/Guitarist, Part-time 2012 - Present
MIDWEST, Chicago, IL

- Develop strong working relationships with booking agents in venues locally and across the country by maintaining consistency, professionalism, and rapid-response communication
- Write and perform original material at small to medium local, regional, and national venues
- Coordinate schedules and organize rehearsals for a 6-person band

SKILLS

Language Skills

- Intermediate high (B2) French
- Intermediate low (B1) American Sign Language (ASL)
- Beginner Spanish

Certifications

- 40 Hour Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention Training
- Yoga Teacher Training 200 hour level