Margaret Nowak

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Education

Master of Theological Studies, Harvard Divinity School (Cambridge, MA)

Concentration: Religion, Ethics & Politics Religious Studies and Education Certificate

Graduation May 2016

Bachelor of Science in Journalism, Ohio University (Athens, OH)

Honors Tutorial College Graduation May 2014 Minor: German Language and World Religions Summa Cum Laude

Professional Experience

Southside Community Land Trust (Providence, RI)

June 2016-Present

Food, Farms & Youth Coordinator. Directs year-round food systems and nutrition programs for children K-12 grade, supervising a team of 3-4 staff members and interns. Writes program curriculum and public gardening resources, manages program budget, tracks and processes data and oversees agricultural workshops for high school youth, families and community gardeners. Oversees youth-driven farm-to-table summer lunch program for youth employees. Liaisons with Providence Public Schools, youth agencies and community-based non-profits to build and maintain program partnerships. Leads site visits and program tours, photographs events, supports fundraising efforts and writes grant proposals and newsletter articles. Presents at local and regional food system conferences as ambassador of SCLT's work. Co-manages production for 2 urban farms.

Religions and the Practice of Peace Initiative (Cambridge, MA) August 2015-July 2016

RPP Communications Assistant. One of four founding staff members, wrote content and maintained initiative's website, developed evaluation metrics for measuring progress of initiative goals. Analyzed program survey data, fostered and maintained partnerships with community organizations, schools, faith-based centers and community leaders in Greater Boston.

The Pluralism Project at Harvard University (Cambridge, MA) Sept. 2014-May 2016

Research Associate. Facilitated interactive dialogues with high school and college participants about issues of intolerance, religious discrimination, racism and civic controversy. Promoted events through social media, press releases, email, newsletter and flier campaigns. Planned and implemented film screenings and a museum exhibition on religious pluralism in the USA. Wrote grant proposals.

ButcherBox (Cambridge, MA)

September 2016-June 2017

Recipe Developer. Developed recipe cards in collaboration with bloggers, chefs, and nutritionists highlighting ButcherBox's grass-fed beef, organic/pastured chicken and heritage breed pork cuts. Crafted, prepared and photographed recipes as well as graphically designed physical recipe cards included in monthly subscription orders.

Leadership & Involvement

Rhode Island Food Policy Council -- Policy & Farm to School Committees (RI) Feb. 2019-Present
Appalachian Mountain Club Youth Opportunities Member (Boston, MA) Sept. 2018-Present
Southside Community Land Trust Racial Equity Working Group (Providence, RI) April 2018-Present
Family Dinner Project Community Facilitator (Cambridge, MA) July 2016-May 2017
Farm the Land, Grow the Spirit Summer Institute Intern (Stony Point, NY) June-July 2015

Skills Program Development, Administration and Marketing:

Scout, college orientation and outdoor recreation programming; survey development, data collection and analysis; facilitation; mediation; coalition builder; volunteer management; OSHA 10-Hour General Industry Certification; marketing; fundraising; event planning; graphic design; social media management (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, MailChimp, Youtube); proficient use of Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite; web and database management (Wordpress, Openscholar, Qualtrics, DonorPro)

Culinary and Agricultural:

ServSafe Manager certification; recipe development in compliance with USDA-FNA reimbursement guidelines; youth-driven menu planning; canning & produce preservation; youth-driven value-added produce development; tilling new gardens; seeding; transplanting; weeding; harvesting; chicken & compost maintenance; management of farmers market co-op stand, farmers market and a CSA; cookbook author and editor