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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ♦ POLICY ANALYSIS ♦ GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

10+ years' experience advancing progressive ideas at local, state and national level • Multifaceted advocate on LGBT and African-American issues within Milwaukee • Collaborative leader in fostering partnerships between local, state and non-government entities. • High level experience in policy development, constituent relations, project management and communications.

EDUCATION

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A in Political Science w/ Minor in History and African-American Studies

MISSISSIPPI STATE, MS

August 2007– December 2009

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MILWAUKEE

Certification in Nonprofit Management

MILWAUKEE, WI

August 2019

WORK EXPERIENCE

DIVERSE & RESILIENT

Senior Program Coordinator

MILWAUKEE, WI

Sept 2018– Present

Responsible for developing outreach programs that directly address HIV prevention throughout the community

- Serves policy research analyst for LGBT issues affecting communities of color across Wisconsin; written policy advocating for conversion therapy bans in place in Racine and Shorewood.
- Work directly as intergovernmental relations expert advocating for improvements to HIV prevention programs across 3 major cities within Wisconsin.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF MILWAUKEE COUNTY

Chairman

MILWAUKEE, WI

Nov 2017 - Present

Leads volunteer team of 10 advocating and advancing progressive ideas on equality and liberty to Milwaukee County's 950,000+ residents.

- Transformed strategic footprint of county party by crafting 5 point strategy focusing on a robust media platform, enhanced GOTV, community outreach and direct policy engagement at state level.
- Leads local recruitment efforts for 2020 Democratic National Convention through media interviews

OFFICE OF 9TH DISTRICT ALDERWOMAN CHANTIA LEWIS MILWAUKEE, WI

Deputy Legislative Assistant

Sep 2010 – May 2013

Served as a direct action officer coordinating town hall meetings and other community events on behalf of Alderwoman Lewis

- Document all meetings and memos for official records
- Draft speeches and statements for press conferences
- Manage and participate in outreach events with the community
- Provide legislative analysis and research

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WISCONSIN

MILWAUKEE, WI

Southeast Regional Organizer/Field Director/Campaign Manager Oct 2015 – July 2016

Served as Field Director for Mayor Tom Barrett, Chantia Lewis for Alderwoman, and Interim Campaign Manager for LaTonya Johnson for Senate

- Coordinated staff and resources with local party offices to maximize efforts of community engagement events, managed with local county party offices to hold community outreach programs.
- Created a team of volunteers for community outreach in Southeastern Wisconsin
- Organized state and local efforts for watch parties and volunteer recruitment around Democratic Presidential Debate
- Registered over 150 new voters in Southeastern Wisconsin through outreach to local colleges and high schools.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY NATIONAL POLITICAL OPERATIVE NATIONWIDE

HR Assistant/Campaign Organizer/Field Director/Campaign Manager May 2012 – Jun 2015

- Organized with local neighborhood community groups to hold block parties and back to school events.
- Recruited forty-five (45) canvass workers from the local community to contact over 2,500 constituents in the Capitol Hill ward
- Managed human resources and payroll for 225 employees
- Oversaw hiring process for new arrivals and returning employees
- Supervised quality control and supervised 75 employees as Regional Director for Maryland gubernatorial race
- Strategized efforts for targeted outreach for specific communities in Aurora, Colorado
- Organized volunteer teams for phone banking and canvassing for U.S. Senate & U.S. House races
- Created eight regional volunteer teams to canvass local communities in the Hampton Roads region of Virginia and ten more teams focused exclusively on Hampton and Old Dominion University.

OBAMA FOR AMERICA HAMPSHIRE

WISCONSIN & NEW

Field Organizer/Deputy LGBT Regional Campaign Coordinator Aug 2012 – Nov 2012

- Led field, team building, and canvass training in multiple locations within New Hampshire and Wisconsin
- Assisted in coordinating local targeted campaigning efforts including canvass and phone banking events
- Managed the “Get Out the Vote” staging location, which resulted in a 50% voter turnout increase in 2012 compared to 2008

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- “An Important Decision Looms for Wisconsin Democratic Party”. *Shepard Express* Nov 18
- “Some Ideas for a more Democratic America”. *Shepard Express* Nov 18
- “Fighting Back Against Prejudice”. *Shepard Express* Dec 2018
- “It’s Healthcare, Stupid”. *Shepard Express* Dec 2018
- “The Batman vs Superman Complex” *Shepard Express* Jan 2019
- “It’s Time for a Gay Black Pride Fest in Milwaukee”. *Shepard Express* June 2019
- “The Rainbow Wave that Washed Across America”. *Shepard Express* June 2019
- “Trailblazer: Profile on Chris Walton”. *Our Lives Magazine* Jun/July 2019
- Radio Commentator/ Interviewee on 1510 WRRD AM – 2019