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### EDUCATION

Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College  
*Master of Social Work*

New York, NY  
Expected May 2019

Binghamton University (State University of New York)  
*Bachelor of Science in Human Development*

Binghamton, NY  
May 2017

- Certificate in Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies and a minor in Italian Culture & Language Studies
- SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence
- President's Award for Undergraduate Student Excellence
- Independent Undergraduate Award & Grant for Research in the Inadequacy of LGBTQ Inclusion in New York State Public Schools Health Education
- Binghamton University Dean's List
- Sodexo Internship Fund (Binghamton University)
- Sodexo Student Scholarship (Binghamton University)
- Louis Magnotta Italian Scholarship (Binghamton University)
- Gamma Kappa Alpha National Italian Honor Society
- Phi Sigma Iota Honor Society for Foreign Language
- Sigma Alpha Lambda National Honor Society
- Chi Alpha Epsilon (XAE) National Honor Society

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Radical Age Movement, Inc. (Nonprofit Advocacy Organization)  
*Outreach and Volunteer Management Coordinator*

New York, NY  
Sept. 2017-Aug. 2018

- Plan and co-facilitate a team of five in designing educational and consciousness-raising intergenerational activities, campaigns, and events to bridge the age segregation gap
- Recruit, retain, and guide Radical Age chapters across the nation by providing liaison services between the chapters and main office and checking with them biweekly; updating the main website with chapter information, members, and events; and counseling for event planning and facilitating
- Perform administrative tasks for the office such as maintaining a membership and volunteer database, answering the office phone, and completing marketing tasks such as flyer and program construction

Q Center (Binghamton University LGBTQ Resource Center)  
*Center Ambassador: Programming Coordinator*

Binghamton, NY  
Aug. 2016-May 2017

- Coordinated the 1st Annual Pride Month & Transgender Awareness Week by collaborating with LGBTQ student organizations & the Center to provide a fun and educational learning experience for the campus
- Led a program team of five in the 1st Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance March & LGBTQ Intergenerational Panel with an attendance of 30+ people
- Contacted and booked the guest performers & panelists

Trio Upward Bound Program (Binghamton University)  
*Residential Tutor-Counselor (Ages 14-17)*

Binghamton, NY  
June 2016-Aug. 2016

- Ensured the safety and well-being of students by enforcing safe space initiatives and allowing students mental health time to destress and vent
- Ensured students personal and professional growth by guiding them to the necessary resources such as tutoring services, student organizations, and academic and financial offices
- Co-created discussion topics with staff and led group meetings with students to provide cross-cultural and cross-experiential learning by having critical discussions about current socio-cultural issues

Broome County Department of Social Services  
*Intern-Family and Child Protective Services Division*

Binghamton, NY  
Sept. 2015-Dec. 2015

- Shadowed current caseworkers and attended service plan meeting to learn New York statewide social services procedures
- Conducted home visits to understand proper caseworker interview methods
- Attended family court to recognize, understand, and navigate caseworker legal processes

## **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

Social Work and Public Health Library (Silberman School of Social Work)  
*College Circulation Desk Attendant*

East Harlem, NY  
Sept. 2017-Present

- Perform routine library services such as checking out books, periodicals, and electronic devices as well as shelving and assisting with interlibrary loans which include an online print collection of 55,000 books and 80 journals
- Operate ALEPH CUNY Hunter library database to perform client check out services, payments, and account management
- Provide quality customer service by assisting patrons with room reservation and Hunter Libraries electronic collections, which include 250,000 full-text eBooks, 100,000 eJournals, and over 300 electronic databases

Dining Services (Binghamton University)  
*Head Student Manager*

Binghamton, NY  
Jan. 2014-May 2017

- Scheduled, trained, and distributed uniforms to all newly hired student employees to ensure an optimal integration and flow of the workplace
- Supervised the daily operations of the food court by ensuring all employees were on task and performing their job safely and swiftly within company standard safety guidelines
- Enforced food handling safety policies by inspecting daily and bihourly required food temperatures
- Effectively able to handle money by carrying out monthly audits for all cashiers

Greater Ridgewood Youth Council (Summer Youth Enrollment Program)  
*Head Counselor – I.S.93 (Ages 8-9/13-14)*

Queens, NY  
July 2014-Aug. 2014

- Fostered a fun educational experience for children by leading Science, English, and Health projects and activities
- Arranged and coordinated group events such as zoo and park trips
- Monitored camper to camper and counselor to camper interactions to ensure the safety and well-being of the children

*Camp Counselor – I.S. 93 (Ages 10-11)*

July 2013-Aug. 2013

- Assisted the head counselor with camp activities such as the daily educational lessons
- Assisted the head counselor with maintaining a secure environment by monitoring camper interactions

Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan of New York's 37<sup>th</sup> District  
*Community Outreach Intern* Queens, NY  
July 2011-Aug. 2014

- Provided administrative services for the 37<sup>th</sup> district office by promptly and courteously answering phone calls, assisting clients and composed documents
- Canvassed to spread essential information about political candidates, community events, and civil rights
- Coordinated various community events such as Night on Crime, Ridgewood Youth Market, and Ridgewood Savings Bank's Summer Concert
- Campaigned for various political officials - Nydia Velázquez-Congresswoman New York's 7<sup>th</sup> district, Melinda Katz-Queens Borough President, Antonio Reynoso-Councilman New York's 34<sup>th</sup> district

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

2018 Common Time Conference (Hunter College) New York, NY  
*Programmer & Volunteer Coordinator* Mar. 2018

- Led a team of 10 in scheduling social work-oriented events for a conference of 200+ graduate social work students
- Recruited, coordinated, and scheduled volunteers for the committees and event locations

Rainbow Pride Union (Binghamton University Student Group) Binghamton, NY  
*Health Coordinator* Sept. 2013-May 2017

- Ordered, cataloged, and distributed feminine-hygiene and safe-sex products
- Ran annual "Donate in Protest" and HIV/AIDS testing events by contacting and booking the Broome County Health Department and the American Red Cross to provide the services needed
- Organized and led meetings and events that promoted healthy sex and relationships

2016 Northeast LGBT Conference (Binghamton University) Binghamton, NY  
*Volunteering Coordinator* Oct. 2016-Apr. 2017

- Led a team of 40+ in scheduling LGBT-oriented events for a conference of 450+ people
- Recruited, coordinated, and scheduled volunteers for the committees and event locations

Juvenile Urban Multicultural Program (Binghamton University) Binghamton, NY  
*LGBTQ Forum Facilitator* Nov. 2016/Apr. 2016/Apr. 2017

- Planned and facilitated LGBTQ 101 workshop for 150+ middle schoolers as part of a youth mentorship program

Restorative Justice Committee (Binghamton University) Binghamton, NY  
*Member* Feb. 2015-May 2015

- Discussed and advocated for less punitive methods of justice
- Advocated for more community involvement in forms of justice

Gender Neutral Bathroom Committee (Binghamton University) Binghamton, NY  
*Member* Feb. 2015-May 2015

- Advocated for inclusion of gender neutral bathrooms on campus
- Identified bathrooms to be converted & determined appropriate signage

Italian Club (Binghamton University) Binghamton, NY  
*Founder & President* Dec. 2013-Feb. 2015

- Planned and facilitated meetings and events with an executive board of four about Italian language & culture

Trio-Student Support Services (Binghamton University) Binghamton, NY  
*Mentor* Jan. 2014-Dec. 2014

- Planned and facilitated monthly meetings with two first-year Binghamton students
- Provided academic and social support by directing students to academic offices, tutoring services, and student organizations & events

### CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS, & EVENTS

Community Organizing Skills For Advocates (Hunter College Roosevelt Scholars) New York, NY  
*Panelist* Apr. 2018

- Spoke about transforming contemporary community organizing in the digital age using models of organizing from historical movements

Rainbow Pride Union (Binghamton University) Binghamton, NY  
*Presenter*

- Hook Up Culture & Consent Nov. 2015
- Safe Sex Feb. 2016
- What it Means to be an Ally Feb. 2015
- Rainbow is the New Black Apr. 2014

Italian Club (Binghamton University) Binghamton, NY  
*Presenter*

- Italian Jeopardy Apr. 2014
- Italian Stereotypes Mar. 2014

Q Center (Binghamton University LGBTQ Resource Center) Binghamton, NY  
*Event Coordinator*

- Lavender Graduation May 2017
- Gender Affirming Clothing Swap Dec. 2016/Apr. 2017
- Transgender Awareness Week Nov. 2016
- Transgender Day of Remembrance March Nov. 2016
- Drag Spa Night Oct. 2016
- Intergenerational LGBTQ Panel Oct. 2016

Rainbow Pride Union (Binghamton University) Binghamton, NY  
*Event Coordinator*

- Annual Free HIV Testing Services Feb 2016/Apr. 2017
- Annual Protest Blood Drive Feb. 2015/Mar. 2016/Oct. 2016

SUNY Oneonta Oneonta, NY  
*Attendee* Oct. 2016

- SUNY Pride Conference (LGBTQ Conference)

Stony Brook University Stony Brook, NY  
*Attendee* Apr. 2016

- 2016 Northeast LGBT Conference

University at Albany  
Attendee

Albany, NY  
Apr. 2015

- 2015 Northeast LGBT Conference

Cornell University  
*Attendee*

Ithaca, NY  
Nov. 2015

- Ivy Q (LGBTQ Conference)

Rutgers University  
*Attendee*

Brunswick, NJ  
Apr. 2014

- 2014 Northeast LGBT Conference

### **TRAININGS, LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY, & SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Evidence-Informed Community and Clinical Approaches for Supporting LGBTQ Youth
- Basic Wilderness First Aid
- Basic Life Support CPR & AED
- Limited working proficiency for speaking and reading in Italian & Sicilian
- Safe Zone (Binghamton University LGBTQ Training)
- Cultural Competency Part 1 & 2 (Binghamton University)
- Grassroots Anti-Racism Organizing Workshop (Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College)
- Q Center LGBTQ Intergenerational Panelist-Spoke about personal experiences within the intersection of queerness and immigrant culture
- Dining Services Student Culinary Challenge 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner (Binghamton University)- Prepared and served 150+ food samples and created a three-year business plan with a team of four, incorporating food costs, profit margins, marketing, and station layouts for a Venezuelan food concept
- La Congrega Letteraria Incontri di Cultura Poetry Contest 2nd Place Winner
- Queer Fashion Show Model (Binghamton University Rainbow Pride Union)-Modeled feminine & gender non-conforming clothing for LGBTQ fashion show