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EDUCATION

HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology 2010
Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies 2010
Cum GPA: 3.8
Hofstra University Honors College Graduate

August 2006- May 2010
Hempstead, NY

AWARDS

William J. Fulbright 2010-2011 ETA Thailand U.S. Student Program Finalist (Alternate Candidacy)
Cum Laude
Dean's List (6 semesters), Provost's List (2 semesters)
Golden Key Honor Society
Phi Beta Kappa ΦBK
Phi Eta Sigma ΦΗΣ,
Lambda Alpha (Anthropology Honor Society)
Hofstra Papers in Anthropology 1st Place Award: "The Disputed Neighborhood: Gentrification of 'East Williamsburg' and Identity in the Shared Space" http://people.hofstra.edu/daniel_m_varisco/hpiaortega.html

WORK EXPERIENCE

GRIER SUMMER

Counselor/Instructor

Summer 2010
Tyrone, PA

- In charge/responsible for a unit of ten 15 year old girls
- Instruct "English for Fun," an ESL class for the international girls who come to re-enforce their English language skills
- Co-instruct a beginner's "Painting and Drawing" and "GSWW" revolved around Harry Potter books
- Perform lifeguard duties during free swim and pool games

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION DEPARTMENT HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate Student Office Assistant

2007- 2010
Hempstead, NY

- Assist faculty with clerical office tasks and errands

DR. PHYLLIS ZAGANO ANTHOLOGY 'MYSTICISM AND THE SPIRITUAL QUEST'

Summer 2009

Research/Student Assistant

Hempstead, NY

- Surveyed current syllabi of popular religious texts used in classrooms teaching Mystical traditions
- Organized the anthology by tradition, identified and acquired translations of the texts of differing traditions
- Sent for copyright permissions from publishers to permit the usage of their text translations

SIKH STUDIES DEPARTMENT, HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

Research Assistant for Dr. Balbinder Singh Boghal Sikh Studies Chair

2007-2008
Hempstead, NY

- Compiled a database of Sikh scholars around the world
- Acquired materials for Dr. Bhogal's academic initiatives
- Catalogued Dr. Bhogal's research materials, converted all paper articles to PDF for an accessible database

DEVONSHIRE AT PGA NATIONAL

Server/Club Attendant

Summer 2007
Palm Beach Gardens, FL

VOLUNTEER/INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

CALIFORNIA AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Volunteer in an under-resourced Bilingual Spanish/English 3rd Grade Classroom

2009-2010
Uniondale, NY

- Assist in supervising a classroom of 23 students with little English language background
- Assemble "station" small work groups and implement creative writing tasks
- Coach individual students struggling with English reading on a one-on-one basis

AFRICAN CULTURE CENTER, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Summer 2008

Intern

New York, NY

- Updated website posting events sponsored by the ACC, including submitting to other organization for promotion
- Assisted Mr. Karim Camara (CEO) in executing the forms for Seed Money proposals to corporations

CAMPUS LEADERSHIP

ANTHROPOLOGY CLUB

2007- 2010

Vice President

- Fundraise for Mali initiative
- Raise awareness of water sustainability and development issues in Africa
- Attend the American Anthropological Association Conference
- Liaison with visiting Togolese students from L'Universite de Lome, Togo
- Awarded "Hofstra Academic Club of the Year" for 2008 and 2009

RELIGIOUS STUDIES SOCIETY

2008 - 2010

Vice President

- Coordinate and attend various religious ceremonies/houses of worship throughout New York City

SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES

- Proficient Microsoft Office Skills (Word, PowerPoint, Excel)
- Strong interpersonal and teamwork skills
- Ethnographic research skills (participant-observation, structured interview, quantitative and qualitative methods)
- Cross-cultural perspective, global thinker, well traveled
- American Red Cross Lifeguard Certified with CPR/AED training
- Fluent in Spanish reading, speaking and writing