
EDUCATION

Cornell University, Interdisciplinary Studies Major, Inequality Minor & Concentration in Service Learning
B.S. 1/10, 3.45 GPA

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

Auburn Correctional Facility, Volunteer 9/09- Present

Serve as a teaching assistant for a college level English course at a maximum-security prison. The course is offered through the Cornell Prison Education Program, which provides college education to inmates at Auburn prison. Have lectured and led class discussions as well as worked with students one-on-one and in small groups.

Love Knows No Bounds, Volunteer 4/07-Present

Assist local non-profit organization with fundraising and awareness events to support hurricane Katrina victims and relief work in the city of New Orleans. Have made four trips to the 7th ward of New Orleans to participate in rebuilding efforts including volunteer work at the CAMP ACE summer school in the 7th ward.

Louis Gossett Residential Facility, Intern & Volunteer 1/08-6/08, 6/09- Present

Tutored male youths, ages 13-18, at a juvenile correctional facility, initially as part of a fieldwork placement for a "service learning" education class then as a volunteer. Worked specifically with students who were very behind in school. Currently working on connecting Cornell students to the Gossett volunteer tutoring program.

Young Ladies of Tomorrow, Intern 9/08- 12/08

Interned at a small non-profit organization in Washington, DC which offers counseling, job training, and mentorship to teenage girls who have encountered the juvenile justice system. Provided GED and job preparation, tutoring, mentoring, instructed an in a day-suspension program, helped conduct workshops on various life skills.

Franziska Racker Centers, Classroom Assistant 12/07- 4/1/08

Assisted classroom teacher and other staff in an integrated pre-school class with three-year-old children with autism and typically developing children. Helped the Director of Autism Services to develop a training for Cornell students who are interested in working with autistic children.

Loaves and Fishes (Soup Kitchen), Volunteer 9/02 - 6/04, 12/07- 7/08

Serve food and drinks to many people each shift. Work for several hours each week. Visit and interact with guests.

Incarnation Children's Center, Volunteer 10/06 - 4/07

Assisted at home for children and youth living with HIV/AIDS in N. Harlem, NY. Spent majority of time with group of teenage girls. Took part in recreational activities & helped foster positive living environment.

New York Presbyterian Hospital, Study Coordinator 9/06 - 1/07

Worked in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Department. Handled communication between medical staff and sponsors of department drug studies. Worked in hospital lab, handling and shipping blood samples.

Brian's House- Supervised Visitation Center, Volunteer 1/06 - 5/06

Monitored visits at a supervised family visitation center in Plymouth, NH. Started volunteer work as part of a Social Work course internship and continued as volunteer beyond the required hours.

AmeriCorps - National Civilian Community Corps, Corps Member 9/04 - 6/05

Served in a team-based, residential program requiring 1,780 hours of work and 80 individual project hours over a ten-month period. Projects took place for different time periods in an eleven-state area in the S. E. United States. Project areas included education, disaster relief, unmet human needs and the environment.

Ithaca area family, Educational Aide 5/04 - 9/04

Hired by local family to interact with an autistic, four-year-old boy, based on successful interaction with him as a YMCA swimming instructor. Assisted him several hours each week, using specialized programs and learning aids.

Reading Partners Project, Founder 9/03 - 2/04

Initiated project that connects high school students with disadvantaged children to improve their listening and reading skills. Project adopted by Ithaca High School's Explorations in Teaching class.

SPECIAL AWARDS & SKILLS

◆Basic Spanish Speaking Skills – four years of courses ◆Cornell Tradition Fellowship – awarded to 3% of entering class to recognize voluntary service, hard work, & leadership ◆Laura Scarpulla Scholarship Award for "empathy for others and support for the underprivileged".
