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Education

2011- Master of Social Work Concentration: Family Health

Research: Education & Micronesian Youth

2009- Bachelor of Arts Major: Criminal Justice Research: Human Trafficking 2013- Associates of Arts

Concentration: Liberal Education, Spanish

<u>Awards</u>

2020. Dave Mullholland Social Media Communicator Award; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County. Jackson, Michigan.

2019. Community Based Big Sister of the Year; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County. Jackson, Michigan.

2019. Health Rising Fellow; APIA Health Forum, Washington, D.C.

2018. Promoting our Mission; United Methodist Retirement Communities. Jackson, Michigan.

2018. Ambassador of the Month; One Young World, North America Geographical Area.

2012. All Bar None Scholarship for One Young World; Johannesburg, South Africa.

2009- Winter. Liliana Sanchez Memorial Minority Social Work Scholarship.

Presentations

2020. Virtual Meet-Up & Webinar during COVID-19 Quarantine.

One Young World. Online Webinar.

2020. Keynote Speaker.

Micronesian Youth Summit. Honolulu, Hawaii.

2019. Voices Conference, Health Equity.

APIA Health Forum. Washington, D.C.

2019. Health Rising Leadership Institute; Storytelling.

APIA Health Forum. Washington, D.C.

2019. Understanding Micronesian Culture.

Joplin Professional Social Workers Annual Seminar. Missouri Southern State University. Joplin, Missouri.

2019. Understanding Micronesian Culture.

Social Work Program. Eastern Michigan University. Ypsilanti, Michigan.

2012

Youth Leadership Council (2012). Project SWAG (Students Working on the Achievement Gap).

Independent School District 622 Training Program. North Saint Paul, MN. December 20.

2011

Edward, A. (2011). Barriers Contributing to Micronesian Youth Obtaining Higher Education. Social Services Symposium. Springfield, MO. April 19.

2009

Edward, A. (2009). Securing Borders to Minimize Human Trafficking. Criminal Justice Presentations. Adrian, MI. May 11.

Projects

2018- Habele Outer Island Education Fund-Fundraised for 501@3 to create educational

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opportunities for Micronesians on outer islands

2018- Black History Month & Multicultural Programming- East Jackson Elementary School

2013- Habele Outer Island Education Fund- Fundraised for 501©3 to create educational opportunities for Micronesians on outer islands

2011-2012- Project SWAG (Students Working on the Achievement Gap; piloted a cross age mentoring program, training program & video production to attack social injustice of achievement gap (can provide video)

Teaching

2020- One Young World. COVID-19 in our Communities Webinar.

2019- Understanding Micronesian Culture. Social Work Program. Eastern Michigan University.

2019- Understanding Micronesian Culture- Missouri Southern State University- Joplin Professional Social Workers Annual Seminar.

2017- Present: Adjunct Professor

Spring Arbor University - School of Social Work, Spring Arbor, MI

2015: Independent School District 622- Summer classes, Micronesian Culture – developed curriculum

2011-2012: Independent School District 622- AVID Tutoring. Following curriculum and tutor training

2009: Apalachicola Bay Charter School- Teaching Assistant for Language Arts Elementary Education (Summer School)

Research Interests

Micronesian Youth Indigenous Pacific Islanders Immigration

People of Color and Social Justice

Mental Health & Wellness

Cultural Heritage and Self-Identity

Pacific Island Cultures & Societal Norms

Training received

2020- A Social Work Conversation on Racial Justice During COVID-19 (Black Death, White Fragility, and Police Brutality)

2020- COFA & COVID-19 Part II, Pacific Leadership Assistance Network

2020- COFA & COVID-19, Pacific Leadership Assistance Network

2020- COVID-19 Impacts on the Elderly Population, U of MN

2020- Mental Health First Aid

2020- Providing Service to Developmentally Disabled Elders

2019- Health Rising Leadership Institute

2019- Mental Health Summit Training; Veterans & Mental Health, Secondary Stress

2019- Black Aging Lives Matter

2018- Engaging Asian American And Pacific Islanders In Voting

2018- Decision Making In Geriatrics

2017- Person Centered Planning

2017- CPR & First Aid

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- 2015- Compassion Fatigue & Burnout
- 2015- Motivational Interviewing
- 2014- Boundaries and Ethics
- 2014- Trauma Informed care
- 2014- Borderline Personality Disorder
- 2014- Dialectical Behavior Therapy & Mindfulness
- 2013- Crisis Prevention Intervention
- 2013- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- 2012- Mental Health First Aid

Practice

- 2020- present. Creator and Host. For Micronesians by Micronesians podcast.
- 2019-present. Care Coordinator. Dr. Pinson Physician Office. Jackson, MI.
- 2018-present. Social Worker. United Methodist Retirement Communities. Jackson, MI.
- 2017- present. Adjunct Professor. Spring Arbor University.
- 2018- present. Youth Facilitator. Asian American pacific Islander Vote Michigan.
- 2019-2020. APIA Fellow. Health Rising Institute with Asian Pacific Islander American Health Forum.
- 2016-2018. Social Worker. Henry Ford Allegiance Health Systems, contracted into East Jackson Elementary. Jackson, MI.
- 2017. Mental Health Practitioner. People Incorporated. Minneapolis, MN.
- 2016- Case Manager. SOS Community Services. Ypsilanti, MI.
- 2015-2016. Social Worker. Hennepin County. Minneapolis, MN.
- 2012-2016. Mental Health Practitioner. People Incorporated. Minneapolis, MN.
- 2012. Ambassador. One Young World. Johannesburg, South Africa.
- 2012. Ambassador. A World At School. Federated States of Micronesia.
- 2011-2012. Promise Fellow. AmeriCorps. Saint Paul, MN.
- 2009-2011. Child Advocate. Children's Haven. Joplin, MO.
- 2009. Teaching Assistant. Apalachicola Bay Charter School. Apalachicola, FL.
- 2005-2009. Dispatcher. Siena Heights Public Safety. Adrian, MI.

Organizations

- 2020. Volunteer. We Are Oceania.
- 2018-2020. Mentor. Big Brothers Big Sisters.
- 2019. Health Rising Leadership Institute Fellow. APIA Health Forum.
- 2013-2015. Mentor. Kinship Twin Cities.
- 2012. Ambassador. A World at School
- 2012. Micronesian Ambassador. One Young World
- 2010-2011. Member. Social Work Student Association
- 2006-2009. Vice President, Philanthropy Chair. Phi Sigma Sigma
- 2007-2009. Representative. Student Senate
- 2009. Member. International Student Association
- 2005-2009. Team Member. Siena Heights University Track Team.
- 2007-2009. Team Member. Siena Heights University Softball Team.

Licensure

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State of Michigan - Licensed Master of Social Work State of Michigan - Limited License of Social Work State of Minnesota- Licensed Graduate Social Worker

Other Honors, Media, Achievements & Recognition

2019- Promoting Our Mission Award- UMRC

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2018- One Young World Ambassador of the Month

2010-Liliana Sanchez Minority Award & Scholarship

2010-Children's Haven Employee of the Month

2009- Children's Haven Employee of the Month

2009- Dean's List Student

Volunteer Experience

We are Oceania, 2020. Honolulu, Hawaii

Volunteer & Keynote Speaker for Micronesian Youth Summit

City of Jackson, 2018-present Jackson, Michigan

Public Arts Committee City Commissioner

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County, 2018-2020 *Jackson, Michigan*

One-on-one mentoring

Derek Dobies for Mayor-Volunteer, 2019 Jackson, Michigan

Passed out information and asked community members to sign petition for nomination/election

Girls on the Run, 2018, 2019 Jackson, Michigan

Coached elementary aged girls to build self-confidence and train for 5K Run

Darius Williams For County Commission Campaign Team, 2017-2018 Jackson, Michigan

Secretary for Campaign team

Immigrant March of Ann Arbor, Michigan, 2017 Ann Arbor, Michigan

Participated in march against social injustices against immigrants in the U.S.

Kinship of Greater Minneapolis, 2015-2017 Minneapolis, Minnesota

One-on-one mentoring

Normandale Community College, 2013 Bloomington, Minnesota

Volunteer with Students with Disabilities programs

Partnership Academy, 2012 Richfield, Minnesota

After-school program, reading every week with Latino/a youth

AmeriCorps, 2011-2012 North Saint Paul, Minnesota

One year of service in school district developing programs for at-risk youth

Food Drive, 2011 Joplin, Missouri

Helped organize food drive for local food bank

God's Resort, 2010: Joplin, Missouri

Assisted in the needs of the not-for-profit organization

Regional Hospice, 2009: Joplin, Missouri

Worked with hospice patient on family history project

Special Olympics, 2009: Joplin, Missouri

Served any needs at Special Olympics

Share the Warmth, 2009: Adrian, Michigan

Worked in Homeless shelter over-night shift

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50-50 Fundraiser, 2009, 2008: Adrian, Michigan

Coordinated a 50-50 fundraiser at the bowling alley to raise money for the National Kidney Foundation

Rock-a-thon, 2007, 2008, 2009 Adrian, Michigan

Coordinated a fundraiser where group rocks in rocking chairs for a full day to raise money for the National Kidney Foundation

The Daily Bread, 2008, 2007: Adrian, Michigan

Worked in Soup Kitchen serving food

Sister-to-Sister, 2007-2008: Adrian, Michigan

Created a program in which sorority sisters meet with Adrian Dominican sisters (Catholic nuns) monthly and bring gifts as well as visit

Reading to Youth, 2007: Adrian, Michigan

Went to inner-city school and read to kindergarten class

Winter wear for the Homeless, 2007: Adrian, Michigan

Coordinated and took monthly donations to donate winter wear to homeless population within city

Boys and Girls Club, 2007: Adrian, Michigan

Interacted with diverse youth weekly at afterschool program

American Red Cross, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004,2005, 2008 Jackson, Michigan

Volunteered for blood drive, also donated blood