

Education:**University of Michigan**

Master of Social Work Candidate
Interpersonal Practice and Management of Human Services
Aging in Families and Societies

Expected: December 2015
Ann Arbor, Michigan
GPA: 4.0

School of Visual Arts

Bachelor of Fine Arts - Illustration

May 1996
New York, New York

Relevant Experience:**Duane L. Waters Hospital, Michigan Department of Corrections**

End-of-Life/Spiritual Volunteer

February 2015 - Current
Jackson, Michigan

- Research and develop Dignity Therapy Program with prison Chaplain for end-of-life inmates.
- Provide dignity therapy intervention for end-of-life inmates.
- Edit life narrative into cohesive document for review with inmates and to share with their loved ones.
- Train inmate volunteers in Dignity Therapy interview techniques & mindfulness practices for effectiveness.

Beaumont Health System at Farmington Hills

Geropsychiatry Social Work Intern

May 2015 – September 2015
Farmington Hills, Michigan

- Assessed new patient inquiries for criteria and appropriateness for unit intake admissions.
- Oriented families to geropsychiatry programs, patient rights, court procedures & expectations for the unit.
- Interfaced and coordinated with interdisciplinary teams, insurance & other facilities for intake and discharge.
- Researched post psychiatric inpatient discharge to reduce hospital readmissions.
- Co-led psychotherapy group sessions with patients and document progress in chart notes.
- Created new Behavioral Treatment Plan template for use on unit by interdisciplinary team.
- Certification in American Heart Association Basic Life Support.

Hospice Witswatersrand

Dignity Therapy Hospice Volunteer

August 2015
Johannesburg, South Africa

- Researched barriers to delivery of palliative care services specific to South Africa.
- Prepared basic manual and presentation outlining principals and procedures of Dignity Therapy.
- Trained hospice social workers in Dignity Therapy intervention & provided Dignity Therapy for patients.
- Wrote and maintained blog detailing experiences volunteering at hospice - www.allsorrows.com.

University of Michigan Health System

Department of Social Work Intern – Turner Geriatric Clinic

September 2014 – April 2014
Ann Arbor, Michigan

- Conducted new patient psychosocial assessments; provided interventions & resources to patients.
- Administered mini mental status exam (MMSE) and geriatric depression screener (GDS) to patients.
- Trained in Dialectical Behavioral Therapy and Motivational Interviewing techniques.
- Developed and co-facilitated new arthritis support group at Turner Senior Resource Center.
- Oversaw U.S. MSW student participation in Japan Program for student field site visits.
- Focused on palliative care in clinics and preceptorships at UMHS.

The Doula Program to Accompany and Comfort

End of Life Doula Volunteer

September 2013 – August 2014
New York, New York

- Completed 8-week Doula training to companion isolated individuals facing end-of-life.
- Participated in monthly meetings & discussions to maintain skills and keep current with end-of-life practices.

A Caring Hand

Volunteer Group Facilitator

September 2012 – August 2014
New York, New York

- Co-led 10 week children's bereavement curriculum and monthly drop-in groups.
- Established group cohesion through discussion and activities; provided written feedback.
- Represented and spoke for current volunteers during new volunteer training sessions.

Zen Hospice Project

Special Skills Volunteer

May 2011 – January 2012

San Francisco, California

- Provided and prepared healthy, organic meals for residents.
- Visited and companioned residents as time permitted.

Design Experience:

Independent Design Professional

Freelance Designer & Illustrator

February 2011 – August 2014

New York, New York

- Developed concept & design and provided technical packages and illustrations for clients.
- Client list: The Frye Company, Kate Spade, Urban Outfitters, Smart Fusion & Evie Bett.
- 2013 Part of Frye team awarded ACE Legacy Award.

Charlotte Russe

Design & Trend - Accessories

May 2010 – February 2011

San Francisco, California

- Directed trend for all accessories categories: bags, shoes, jewelry and soft accessories.
- Developed new vendor partnerships to produce higher quality deliverables within budget.
- Created and conducted seasonal trend presentations and meetings for merchandising team.

American Eagle Outfitters

Senior Designer

December 2008 – April 2010

New York, NY

- Directly managed designer as senior designer for bags, belts and wallets.
- Compiled and evaluated trends and designed concepts relevant to brand identity.
- Independently traveled to factories in China to collaborate with vendors on sampling product.

Banana Republic

Designer/Technical Designer – Bags & Small Leather Goods

May 2005 – December 2008

New York, NY

- Developed and designed handbags and collection specific small leather goods.
- Supervised all post adoption approvals for design intention and specifications for production.
- Mentored new business partners in design and adoption procedures.
- 2008 Team awarded ACE Accessories Retailer of the Year.
- 2007 Banana Republic Exceed Award.

International Experience:

Buranarumluk School

Art and English Teacher

October 1997 – March 1999

Trang, Thailand

- Developed and instructed Papermaking course and English for Business course.
- Conducted outreach papermaking session with students for residents of a juvenile detention center.
- Advised and prepared students for English language competitions.

Awards & Honors – University of Michigan:

2015 Center for the Education of Women, Inaugural Retirement Income Solutions Scholar.

2015 Social Justice Grand Rounds Presentation at University of Michigan Health System.

2015 Alumni Board of Governors Award.

2015 President, Sigma Phi Omega, National Gerontology Honor Society, Gamma Sigma Chapter.

2014 Global Special Studies Grant.

2014 Geriatric Scholar.

Websites: www.coroflot.com/nycgift • www.seelio.com/giftchow

Computer Skills: Paragon, Epic, Adobe Creative Suite.

International Experience: South Africa, China, Korea, Thailand.

Languages: Thai - conversationally proficient.