

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

University of California, Riverside Riverside, CA
Ph.D. Higher Education Administration and Policy

Anticipated May 2024

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
M.Ed. Higher Education Administration

May 2020

New York University, New York, NY

May 2017

B.F.A. Drama (with Honors)

Minors in American Sign Language and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Studies

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Manuscripts Under Review or In Progress

Travers, C. S., Long, L., Henderson, T. S., **Acha, A.** (revise & resubmit). *Investigating perceptions of race among Black and Latino men in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) majors.*

Acha, A. (in progress) *Law and Policy: Deaf Persistence and Accommodations*

Acha, A. (in progress) *From Deaf History and Culture to Accommodations: A Vehicle to Deaf Postsecondary Academic Achievement*

Conference Presentations

Acha, A. (October, 2018). "Microwave Meals: Navigating Food on a Budget" NC State TRIO Fall Conference, Raleigh, NC

SERVICE

- Campus Accessibility, Digital Advertising and Electronic Engagement, Programming, Cultural Competency, and Staff On-Campus Living Revitalization workplace committees, Member
- Student Conduct Review Board, Member
- Evaluation of Student Campus Service presentations for North Carolina School of Science and Math

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Junior Editor: Disability Justice, Race and Education

September 2019 - June 2020

The Journal Committed to Social Change on Race and Ethnicity (JCSCORE) Special Edition

- Provide support to editors Dr. Lissa Stapleton and Lisette Torres as necessary
- Manage accepted author questions and concerns via phone and email
- Collaboratively write the journal introduction with editorial team
- Utilize publishing software
- Search, recruit, and select an artist with disabilities to design print cover

Disability Resource Office (DRO) Graduate Intern

August 2018 - May 2020

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina

- Design several student engagement opportunities, including a peer-to-peer network, a self-sustaining student ambassador program, and an advertising intervention based on qualitative student interviews
- Conduct informal qualitative assessment of registered student experiences with the DRO and the campus at large
- Observe and assist with office operations including the testing center, front desk, student accommodation documentation review, and introductory/accommodation meetings between access consultants (AC) and students

American Sign Language Seminar Sponsor

September 2017 - February 2020

North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM), Durham, NC

- Expose students to American Sign Language (ASL) vocabulary, syntax, regional variations, and intersectional d/Deaf identities.
- Guide two student leaders through appropriate cultural representation of Deaf community
- Organize and execute off-campus co-curricular opportunities

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Student Life Instructor (*September 2017 - May 2018*); ***Community Coordinator*** (*May 2018 - August 2020*)

North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM), Durham, North Carolina

- Directly oversee a community of 50 students; guide and support their academic and personal development through a series of initiatives, interpersonal interactions, and connection to resources.
- Serve in a duty rotation to ensure student safety/conduct, which includes office administration and communication during daytime operations, and confrontation, documentation, and wellness intervention during both the day and night; broadly serve a campus of 680 students.
- Lead regular residence hall meetings, host one-on-one meetings, and hold office hours
- Interview, hire, train, supervise, and support a team of six Residential Life Assistants (RLAs) by facilitating weekly staff meetings, developing skills, and promoting leadership opportunities
- Execute advertising campaigns (email, social media) to inform students of resources and opportunities; build and manage residence hall website royallncssm.org.
- Manage an operational budget of \$2,500 annually of NCSSM Foundation funds via Purchasing Card.

Residence Hall Leader

June 2017 - August 2017

Talent Identification Program, Duke University, Durham, NC

- Worked collaboratively on an administrative team to create cohesive residential and academic learning environments for a community of 225 students.
- Trained, supervised, and supported 18 Residential Counselors and engaged their assigned students.
- Created and managed residential student and staff room assignments, petty cash request and program proposal systems for residential staff members, and event planning committees.
- Trained staff to drive and transported students and staff in company vehicles.
- Contributed to blog to provide updates to students' families.

Resident Assistant; Summer Assistant

May 2015-May 2017

New York University (NYU), New York, NY

- Responsible for the safety, well being, and personal development of 44 first-year students within a hall of 600 mixed population undergraduates
- Worked collaboratively on a team of 14 Resident Assistants.
- Enforced policy and protocol expectations, including documentation, confrontation, and wellness intervention by serving in an on-call duty rotation
- Created and hosted a variety of interactive and passive social, educational, and informational programs
- Developed an interactive website for resource, hall information, and community engagement
- Coordinated hall-wide weekly hall newsletter; gathered and managed content for dispersal

- Engaged with summer conference groups and staff to provide seamless customer service
- Provided collateral support to pre-college summer program on an as-needed basis
- Managed operational budget of \$500 annually

Office Assistant

September 2015-May 2017

New York University (NYU), New York, NY

- Provided customer service via the front desk of a residence hall, including mail and package sorting and distribution, phone communications, information and resource-providing
- Maintained office paperwork and shift logs

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

2020-2024	University of California Riverside Eugene Cota Robles Fellowship
2019-2020	North Carolina State University Institutional Academic Enhancement Grant
2019-2020	College of Education Diversity Enhancement Grant
2016-2017	National Residence Hall Honorary OTY Award for Educational Programing
2015-2016	University Hall Outstanding Programming Award.
2013-2017	New York University Tisch School of the Arts Scholarship

SPECIAL SKILLS

American Sign Language

(conversational)

Website design

(Wordpress, Weebly, Google Sites)

Software/portal experience

(Clockwork, Focus, Band, Advocate Simplicity, SchoolDude)

Videography Experience

(Canon T2i w/ Final Cut Pro)

Music Editing and Synthesizing

(Reason, Mixcraft)

Musical performance

(classical, contemporary vocal performance, piano, guitar, violin)

Voice Over (V.O.)

(Commercial, radio, websieries)

Driver's License (Class C)

(Up to 14 passenger vans)

Graphic Design & Presentation

(Animated conference presentations, logos & characters)