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EDUCATION

Duke University, Summa Cum Laude *with Distinction*

Major in Cultural Anthropology; Certificate in Human Rights

Durham, NC

Class of 2020

Awards / Honors: Phi Beta Kappa (May 2020), Judith McDade Award (April 2020)

Semesters Abroad: University of Havana, Cuba (Fall 2018); Guanajuato, Mexico (Summer 2017)

Description: I spent my studies at Duke looking to alternative spaces and media—political posters, children’s books, airline advertisements, feminist zines, pulp fiction, and even celebrity tabloids—to tell untold stories. My honors thesis traced the fraught “girlhood” peculiar to college dormitories and inscribed within dorm aesthetics and material cultures. My capstone in human rights explored Egyptian webcomic (and superheroine) *Qahera* as an intervention into exclusionary human rights discourses.

You can find my writing and media portfolio on the website I built below:

www.isabelpannoshepard.com.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Sahiyo

Communications Intern

Boston, MA

June 2020 – Present

- Support internal and external communications for an international human rights non-profit working to end gender-based violence and female genital cutting (FGC) through policy, storytelling, and participatory media
- Compose media analytical reports on audience engagement with Sahiyo’s “Voices to End FGM/C” storytelling project
- Assist in scheduling, event planning, and the implementation of the communications development plan

Thompson Writing Program, Duke University

Embedded Writing Consultant

Durham, NC

Aug 2017 – May 2020

- Facilitated one-on-one, group-based, and class-wide writing workshops for over 70 undergraduate and graduate students
- Designated interdisciplinary writing resource for 6 courses on human rights, art, economics, engineering, neuroscience, and law

Smithsonian American Art Museum

Interpretation Intern, Education Department

Washington, DC

Summer 2019

- Researched and created wall graphics, maps, videos, and textual resources to facilitate audience engagement with exhibits and art pieces
- Designed a “card game” to create interactive learning and dialogue across all ages for an upcoming special exhibit
- Conducted over 20 hours of audience research and assembled relevant data to understand individual engagement, learning, and impact

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Planned Parenthood Generation Action (PPGA)

President (Fall 2019 - Spring 2020) | Founding VP of Public Media (Spring 2017 - Fall 2018)

Durham, NC

Jan 2017 – May 2020

- Coordinated over 40 members and multiple project committees to create on-campus sexual health events and resources
- Monitored legislative changes and public dialogues on sexual health policy and reproductive rights
- Collaborated with PASH Duke, Duke Wellness, and EmpowerHerVoice on Title X and STI-awareness activations
- Created social media content and campaigns to advocate intersectional women’s health policy, rights, and activism

CHANCE Tutoring

President (Spring 2019 - Spring 2020) | Secretary (Fall 2017, Spring 2018) | PR Chair (Spring 2017) | Tutor

Durham, NC

Sep 2016 – May 2020

- Led a weekly collaborative tutoring program bringing together 40 Duke students and 40 local middle- and high-schoolers for enrichment in Math, Spanish, English, Writing, ACT, and more
- Instituted reformed security policies and documentation management systems to ensure the protection of minors

Duke Delta Delta Delta Fraternity

Founding Diversity Chair (Spring 2018 - Spring 2020) | Former Philanthropy Sophomore Chair (Fall 2017) | Member

Durham, NC

Jan 2017 – May 2020

- Curated weekly programming to center the experiences, art, and activism of marginalized peoples, communities, and cultures
- Organized capstone events educating and mobilizing 130 members on issues centering on identity, power, and privilege
- Advised the President and Executive Board on inclusive reforms and matters relating to race, gender, sexuality, and more

LANGUAGES, INTERESTS & OTHER INVOLVEMENTS

Languages, Skills, & Interests: Spanish (Advanced Proficiency); Ethnography; HTML5 & CSS; Yoga (RYT-200 Certified Instructor)

Speaking Engagements & Other Involvements: ACC Meeting of the Minds Conference, Speaker (Spring 2020); Empower Her Voice x Duke, Speaker (Spring 2018); DukeImmerse Rights and Identities in the Americas, Selected Participant (Fall 2017); Duke’s Annual Writing Conference, Presenter – “Neologism and Descriptivism” (Spring 2017)