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SUMMARY of QUALIFICATIONS

- ◆ Management and development of grantmaking portfolios
- ◆ Community-based research and evaluation
- ◆ Technical assistance to emerging and established community-based organizations
- ◆ Community planning processes and strategic planning
- ◆ Initiative and program development

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, Los Angeles, CA

Ph.D., Religion and Social Ethics, December 1999

M.A., Religion and Social Ethics

Leonard Dissertation Fellowship

Presidential Fellow, The USC Leadership Institute

All University Predoctoral Merit Fellowship

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, Washington, D.C.

Bachelor of Arts, English, May 1988

George F. Baker Scholar

Alpha Sigma Nu (Honor Society)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NONPROFIT CONSULTING PRACTICE, Oakland, CA

January 2004 – present

Working with nonprofits and foundations in the areas of strategic planning, fund development, evaluation and outcome metrics, grantmaking, board and staff development. Clients include: Marin Community Foundation; Dominican University of California; Birthways, Inc.; Green Schools Initiative; Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership.

MARIN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, Novato, CA

Program Officer, January 2001 – October 2004

Responsible for \$5 million grantmaking portfolio in areas of Ethics/Religion and Human Needs at third largest community foundation in U.S. Responsibilities included meeting all Foundation goals and objectives in the above program areas, oversight of community planning processes, and launching new initiatives in the areas of aging, mental health, drug abuse, ethics, religion in public life, and interfaith community building. Maintained and promoted organizational capacity in grantees through technical assistance, organizational development, and fund development assistance. Participated in Foundation Loan Committee to review/approve loans to nonprofits in Marin County. Worked in collaboration with Foundation Fund Development staff to promote donor education. Maintained local, regional, and national working relationships with peers in other foundations, research institutes, and nonprofits.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CIVIC VENTURES, San Francisco, CA

Program Development Consultant, 2000–2001

Provided technical assistance to pilot projects promoting civic engagement by older adults; managed lobbying efforts for national legislation; supervised all outsourced research projects; and conducted research and analysis for new initiatives and programs.

WELFARE REFORM NEIGHBORHOOD IMPACT PROJECT, USC School of Social Work

Project Director, September 1998 - December 1999

Developed research protocol for longitudinal study of South Central Los Angeles community impacted by welfare reform; analyzed research findings and created reports for both academic and popular audiences; recruited, trained, and supervised field research team; initiated and maintained relationships with an array of community agencies.

THE JAMES IRVINE FOUNDATION, San Francisco, CA

Consultant, 2000

Researched consultant management techniques throughout philanthropic community; created manual for recruiting, supervising, and evaluating consultants; developed database of potential communications consultants for use by Foundation staff.

Consultant, 1998

Led a multi-organizational team to develop and present a statewide conference on the civic work of faith communities; developed conference agenda via statewide, multi-sector research; recruited and trained conference presenters; created conference report; and managed all conference logistics.

Consultant, 1996

Evaluated use of consultants by Foundation program staff and developed database of high-quality non-profit consultants for use by Foundation staff and its grantees. Provided management and professional staff with strategies for successful engagement of consultants to further Foundation goals and objectives.

CENTER FOR RELIGION AND CIVIC CULTURE

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Research Assistant, 1994-1997

Designed research goals and strategies; conducted extensive interviews with religious and civic leaders throughout Los Angeles; provided detailed field analysis of faith-based social service programs; developed photo essay entitled “Politics of the Spirit; Portraits of Faith and Community in Los Angeles,” and traveling photo exhibit (first mounted at the Central Library of the Los Angeles Public Library); and conducted neighborhood research throughout Los Angeles County.

MELLON MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Assistant Coordinator, 1993 - 1998

Designed and instituted structure for program funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for undergraduate minority students at USC; mentored students in development and implementation of research projects, relationships with faculty mentors, and graduate school applications.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

OCEAN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER, Santa Monica, CA

Development Associate, 1991 - 1993

Led all private fundraising efforts of non-profit social service agency with \$2.5 million annual budget; created and implemented strategic, long-range development plan; managed public and private grantwriting efforts; recruited, trained, and supervised eight volunteer fundraising boards totaling 170 volunteers; managed 8-12 major fundraising events each year; launched feasibility study and capital campaign for construction of new building for agency; and developed agency newsletters and annual reports.

DAYBREAK DAY CENTER, Santa Monica, CA

Advocate/Program Coordinator, 1989 - 1991

Provided daily crisis intervention and counseling for homeless mentally ill women; initiated and implemented case management plans, including advocacy for housing, medical/psychiatric care, and disability benefits; supervised volunteer staff; and produced project newsletter.

CROWLEY CELLULAR TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., Washington, D.C.

Acquisitions Assistant, 1988-1989

Conducted national demographic and infrastructure research on cellular telecommunications markets. Identified and negotiated acquisition of cellular licenses for company expansion, which resulted in nascent telecommunications firm becoming the second largest privately-held wireless operating company in the U.S. by 1990.