**Summary**

Experienced and dedicated professional pursuing a Master of Arts in Gender and Sexuality Studies, with a background in non-profit program management and community advocacy. Eager to leverage advanced academic knowledge and field experience to drive social justice initiatives, conduct critical research, and develop impactful educational programs. Proven ability to lead projects, manage resources, and collaborate with diverse stakeholders to create equitable and inclusive environments.

**Education**

**Master of Arts in Gender and Sexuality Studies** | Expected May 2026

Governors State University | University Park, IL

* *Relevant Coursework:* Feminist and Queer Theory, Global Sexualities, Social Justice and Activism, Research Methods in Gender Studies, Intersectionality and Social Change

**Bachelor of Arts in Sociology** | May 2023

Governors State University | University Park, IL

* *Relevant Coursework:* Social Problems, Race and Ethnicity, Social Theory, Qualitative Research

**Associate of Arts in General Studies** | May 2021

Joliet Junior College | Joliet, IL

**Experience**

**Program Coordinator** | August 2024 – Present

Equality Alliance of Illinois | Chicago, IL

* Led the development and implementation of educational workshops and outreach programs focused on LGBTQ+ rights and gender equity for community partners and schools.
* Managed program budgets, tracked outcomes, and prepared reports for grant funding, securing a 15% increase in annual support.
* Recruited, trained, and supervised a team of volunteers, ensuring the successful execution of all program initiatives.

**Research Assistant, Sociology Department** | September 2023 – May 2024

Governors State University | University Park, IL

* Assisted faculty with a study on gender-based wage disparities in the Midwest, conducting literature reviews and analyzing qualitative interview data.
* Contributed to the drafting of a research paper presented at the annual Midwest Sociological Society conference.

**Community Outreach Specialist** | June 2023 – August 2023

Local Women's Shelter | Joliet, IL

* Developed and delivered informational sessions on domestic violence awareness and support services to local community groups.
* Coordinated with local businesses to secure donations and resources for shelter residents.

**Projects**

**Capstone Research Project: The Role of Digital Activism in Contemporary Queer Movements** | May 2026 Governors State University | University Park, IL

* Conducted a mixed-methods study analyzing the effectiveness of social media campaigns in mobilizing and empowering queer communities.
* Presented key findings and policy recommendations at the university's annual Social Justice Symposium.

**Curriculum Development for Inclusive Education** | November 2024

Governors State University | University Park, IL

* Collaborated with a team to design a module for educators on integrating gender and sexuality studies into high school social studies curricula.

**Awards & Certificates**

* **Outstanding Graduate Student in Gender and Sexuality Studies:** Governors State University (2026)
* **Human Rights Advocacy Certificate:** Online Course (Completed July 2024)
* **Dean's List:** Governors State University (Fall 2023, Spring 2024)

**Volunteer Work**

**Hotline Counselor** | September 2022 – May 2023

LGBTQ+ Youth Support Line | Chicago, IL

* Provided confidential support and resources to youth and young adults in crisis.

**Workshop Facilitator** | October 2021

Campus Pride Center | Joliet, IL

* Led a workshop on pronoun usage and gender identity for college students and faculty.

**Skills**

* **Research & Analysis:** Qualitative Research, Critical Theory, Program Evaluation, Data Synthesis, Literature Review
* **Advocacy & Education:** Community Organizing, Public Speaking, Workshop Facilitation, Curriculum Development, Grant Writing
* **Technology:** Microsoft Office Suite, Statistical Software (e.g., SPSS), Content Management Systems, Social Media Management
* **Interpersonal:** Team Leadership, Stakeholder Collaboration, Conflict Resolution, Crisis Counseling