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### Education

2009	<b>Case Western Reserve University-Mandel School</b> Cleveland, Ohio Master's of Science in Social Administration (MSSA/MSW) Concentration: Social and Community Development
2004	<b>The Ohio State University</b> Columbus, Ohio Women's Studies Courses Graduate Non-degree
2000	<b>Eastern Michigan University</b> Ypsilanti, Michigan Bachelor of Science: Social Work

### Professional Experience

12/2014 to Present	<b>The Center for Cognitive &amp; Behavioral Therapy of Greater Columbus</b> Independent Practicing Affiliate Columbus, Ohio
5/2011 to Present	<b>Netcare Corporation</b> Manager, Youth Crisis and Assessment Services Columbus, Ohio
4/2011 to 4/2014	<b>TransOhio</b> Support Group Facilitator, Ages 5-18 Columbus, Ohio
1/2010 to 11/2010	<b>Ohio Democratic Party</b> Director, Ohio Democratic Women's Caucus Columbus, Ohio
3/2009 to 1/2010	<b>Equality Ohio/Equality Ohio Education Fund</b> Community & Volunteer Organizer Columbus, Ohio
7/2008 - 2/2009	<b>Planned Parenthood of Central Ohio</b> Regional Field Organizer/Community Health Educator Columbus, Ohio
02/2005-06/2008	<b>Columbus AIDS Task Force</b> Social Work Case Manager Columbus, Ohio

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## Community Engagement/Fundraising

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- Co-founder, Columbus Urban Pride
- Co-founder, New Leaf Columbus
- Mentor, SHADES Buckeye Chapter
- **TransOhio (2011):** Authored Legacy Fund grant application; grant was awarded
- **“Something on the Inside” (2010):** Coordinator of art show/event to raise awareness regarding the impact of HIV/AIDS on women, and to raise funds for the Ohio AIDS Coalition.
- **Planned Parenthood of Central Ohio (2008):** Co-authored the Planned Parenthood Federation of America Volunteer Assistance Grant; \$1,000 awarded.
- **“Something on the Inside” (2008):** Coordinated art show/event to raise awareness regarding the impact of HIV/AIDS on women, and to raise funds for Ohio AIDS Coalition.
- **Columbus AIDS Task Force (2006):** Authored a portion of Federal HIV grant; grant was awarded.
- **Red Party (2006):** Coordinated fundraising event to benefit Ohio AIDS Coalition
- **Columbus AIDS Task Force (2005):** Authored a portion of Ohio Department of Job and Family Services TANF grant targeting low-income women with children living with HIV/AIDS; grant was awarded and renewed for an additional year.

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## Workshops and Trainings 2009-Present

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- Diversity that Makes a Difference
- Best Practices When Working with the Transgender Community
- Best Practices for Working with Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth & Young Adults
- Standing United: *Fighting Racism and Homophobia*
- The Mirror Effect: *Effective Outreach to People of Color*
- Power or Relationship: *Diverse Strategies for Community Organizing*
- At the Intersection: *Marriage Equality & Communities of Color*
- At the Intersection: *Black, Brown, and Trans*
- At the Intersection: *Violence Against Queer Women of Color*
- At the Intersection: *Is Gay the New Black?*
- HIV/AIDS and Sexual Health Activism
- LGBTQ Youth and Mental Illness
- At the Crossroad: Working at the Intersections of LGBTQ and Racially Marginalized Constituent Groups

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## Awards, Honors, and Features

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- 2009 Equality Ohio CAUSE Conference Keynote, *The Importance of Pro-Equality Visibility through Community Volunteerism*
  - 2010 First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus, *Color Blind or Color Mute, When and Why to Speak Up About Race*
  - 2012 All Sides with Ann Fisher, *Combating AIDS in Ohio*
  - 2013 ACLU Columbus, *Why We Laugh: Banned Brilliance of African American Writers*
  - 2012 Inaugural Publication of Who's Who in GLBT Columbus, *Featured*
  - 2013 Who's Who in GLBT Columbus, *Interesting Personality*
  - 2013 LGBT Superhero Award
  - 2015 Metropolitan State University Keynote, *Saving Ourselves: Surviving Activist Rage*
  - 2015 TEDx Columbus Women Speaker-*Choosing Compassion the Face of Diversity*
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## Affiliations

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- **State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board**
  - Licensed Social Worker
  - Licensed Independent Social Worker with Supervisory Designation
- **Central Ohio Fair Housing Association Board of Directors**
  - January 2015-Present
- **TransOhio Board of Directors**
  - 2011-2014
- **Ohio AIDS Coalition Board of Directors**
  - 2007-2012
- **Rescue and Restore (Human Trafficking Coalition)**
  - 2007-2008
- **National Women's Studies Association**
  - 2007-2009