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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, MIAMI, FL.

2022 - Current

Program Director of Panthers Care

Dean of Students Office

- Co-Chairs BIT through a proactive approach with campus partners that addresses the needs of students who are in crisis and ensures the overall safety of the campus community.
- Supervises the Panthers Care program, formulates, and recommends policies and procedures to effectively administer the program.
- Leads non-clinical interventions, programs, and/or services to provide care, support and resources for students who have challenges with health, wellness, academics, behavior, safety, or general welfare, or otherwise may be considered at-risk.
- Directs case management service including crisis coverage and emergency intervention.
- Provides daytime and on-call crisis services and consults with campus partners, faculty, staff, students, and family members who may be urgently concerned about a student.
- Collaborates with campus partners on cases housed within SCAI, OCRCA, and DOS.
- Serves on interview committee for all leadership hires for SHW.
- Serves on SHW Leadership Team to develop DOS annual report, strategic plan, and resource management in the absence of the Dean of Students.
- Ensures all case files for DOS team meet appropriate standards in accordance with FERPA, NABITA, and university policies.
- Provides training workshops, content delivery, and program outreach to students, faculty, staff, and community members.
- Supervises, trains, and oversees the management of additional Graduate Assistants, Practicum Students, and Care Coordinators.
- Produces and analyzes monthly, semesterly, and annual reports for the AVP of SHW.
- Edits, maintains, and updates all relevant manuals, SOP's, for DOS office in collaboration with AVP of SHW.

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, MIAMI, FL.

2014 - Current

Adjunct Faculty / Faculty Fellow / Notable Global Learning Faculty

Teaching Experience in:

- Contemporary Problems in International Relations INR 3081
- History of Ideas HUM 3306
- Church and State REL 3127
- Feminist Theology and Ethics REL 4146
- ARCH (Advanced Research and Creativity in Honors) IDH 4905
- Evolution of the Femme: From Witches to Madam Vice President w/ DC Fly-In REL 4937
- Religion Analysis and Interpretation REL 2011
- Introduction to International Relations INR 2001
- Honors Intro IDH 1931
- Student Life Skills SLS 1501

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, MIAMI, FL.

2016 - 2022

Academic Advisor I, II, and III at FIU's Honors College, Pre-Law and EAP FIU Law

- Oversaw interdisciplinary ARCH projects for any Honors student despite major.
- Advised Honors students in all non-STEM majors since 2018 (prior, 2016-2018, all majors).
- Prepared undergraduates for graduate and law school through statement edits, development of law school application timelines, and testing resources.
- Met students to organize schedules prior to enrollment dates and upcoming semesters.
- Oversaw Honors College graduation and portfolios.
- Served on admissions and scholarship committees.
- Worked in collaboration with COL to develop curriculum for FIU Law PATH.

PARADISE HOME HEALTH INC., MIAMI, FL.

2006 - 2013

Administrator

- Processed applications, certifications, licenses, and background screenings for all employees,
- Produced reports for expiring documents, licensing, background screenings, certifications, and insurance for more than 100 employees.
- Ensured objectives and efficiency were maintained by auditing files and charts.
- Oversaw accreditation with Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP), Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), Medicare, and Medicaid.
- Worked with finance statements, oversaw accounting, and managed all contract negotiations.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE AND FIELDWORK

UN WOMEN | USA | Miami

VP of Events on Board of Directors and Chair of Young Professionals Committee 2020 - 2022

- Raised funds to support UN Women projects.
- Advocated for U.S. policymakers' implementation of intl. agreements on women's rights.
- Educated members and U.S. public about UN Women and its global projects.

Kutupalong Refugee Camp– Cox Bazar, Bangladesh – NSU in Dhaka, Bangladesh 2021

- Interviewed 48 adult Rohingya refugees to gauge refugee experience between 2017-2021.
- Noted factors related to repatriation, environment, trauma, mental health, and basic needs.
- Prepared memo of requests to provide to UNHCR.

Thila Nyunt Nunnery – Myanmar-Burma 2015

- Observed the behaviors and interactions of nuns ages 5-40 for 12 weeks.
- Conducted in depth interviews with nuns approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB).
- Taught English to nuns ages 5 to 40.
- Lectured monastic B.A. students at Sitagu Buddhist Academy on Women and Religion.
- Filmed, produced, and edited footage of experience to exhibit during research presentation.

New MaSoe Yein Monastery– Myanmar-Burma 2015

- First civilian woman to interview Time Magazine's "Buddhist Terror" U Ashin Wirathu.
- Interviewed monks of the 969 Movement, approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB).
- Filmed, produced, and edited footage of experience to exhibit during research presentation.

Baan Unrak Children's Home – Thailand 2013

- Volunteered at Baan Unrak Children's Home in Sangkhlaburi, Thailand, serving stateless women and children rescued from Burmese ethnic cleansing and human trafficking.
- Conducted one on one interviews with refugees.
- English teacher at Baan Unrak Primary School for Grades 2 to 6.

National Voices for Equality, Education and Enlightenment (NVEEEE) – Miami 2012 - Current

- Mentored and advocated for teens ages 13 to 18, experiencing bullying.
- Directed focus groups for NVEEEE's annual Peace Ambassador Leadership Summit (PALS).
- Surveyed students to create workshops and gauge grant needs for the organization.
- Speaker at PALS on subjects of LGBTQ, ethnic, racial, gender, and class-related bullying.

Isla Express – Havana, Cuba 1999-2006

- Traveled to Cuba two to four times yearly providing medicine, clothes and books to families.
- Translated academic world history works for children ages 7 to 12.
- Assisted farmers in the town of Güira de Melena collecting harvest.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Hazing Prevention | Employee and Student Code of Conduct | NABITA Trained | FERPA Annual Training | Cybersecurity Awareness | NCSAM Summit | Clery Act Basics | Mindful Leadership: Leading in Critical Times | HECMA Trained | Reporting Child Abuse | Student Death Protocol | Mental Health First Aid | CPR Certified | Compensation Trained | SIVRA | NABITA ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF SUICIDAL IDEATION

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), International Relations 2017 – 2025

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY – Miami, FL

Master of Arts, International Studies (M.A.) 2017 - 2023

Graduate Certificate in Muslim World Studies

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY – Miami, FL

Master of Arts, Religious Studies (M.A.) 2014 - 2016

Graduate Certificate in Women and Gender Studies

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY – Miami, FL

Bachelor of Arts, Religious Studies; Minor: Asian Studies 2012 - 2014

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY – Honors College Miami, FL

Associate of Arts, Business Administration 2010 - 2012

AMERICAN INTERCONTINENTAL UNIVERSITY – Miami, FL

CERTIFICATIONS

Certificate of Residence of Oxford RoundTable 2023 and 2024

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD ROUNDTABLE

Certificate of Residence of Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies 2023

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Certificate in Leadership Essentials 2022

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Certificate for International Women's Health and Human Rights 2022

STANFORD ONLINE

Certificate for The Presidential Leadership Program (PLP) 2021

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Certificate for Humanitarian Response to Conflict and Disaster 2021

HARVARDX

Certificate Course on the Rohingya Crisis Management 2021

CENTER FOR PEACE STUDIES OF SOUTH ASIAN INSTITUTE OF POLICY AND GOVERNANCE & HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM AT UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Human Rights: The Rights of Refugees 2020

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

LANGUAGES

English and Spanish – Native / Bilingual

French – Reading competency / Speaking Beginner Conversational

PUBLICATIONS

Working Manuscript: Article: Nine Dimensions of Wellness: Campus Assessment, Response, and Evaluation (CARE) and BIT. *The Forum on Public Policy: A Journal of the Oxford Round Table*. September 2024.

“Humanizing the Rohingya Beyond Victimization: A Portrait.” *Buddhist Violence and Religious Nationalism: A Tribute to the Work of Michael Jerryson*. Edited by Margo Kitts and Mark Juergensmeyer. United Kingdom: Equinox, 2020.

“Breaking the Cycle of Stateless and Refugee: Re-Forming Rohingya Identity in Light of the International Response to the Refugee Crisis.” Institute for Risk & Disaster Reduction (IRDR), Centre for Collective Violence, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, University College London (UCL), London, United Kingdom (UK). 2019.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND INVITED LECTURES

“Nine Dimensions of Wellness: Campus Assessment, Response, and Evaluation (CARE) and BIT.” Oxford International RoundTable. Oxford University. July 2024.

“The Rohingya of Arakan: Regional Geopolitics, and Ethnicity, Race, and Religion in Myanmar.” Oxford Symposium. Oxford University, England. July 2023.

“The Muslim Rohingya of Arakan: In Search of Agency.” Oxford International RoundTable. Oxford University. July 2023.

Fasting Across Religious Practices. MDC Jaffer Center. Wolfson Campus. Miami, Fl. March 2023.

“The Evolution of the Tattooed Scholar.” Georgetown University. PALS – NVEEE. Washington DC. August 2022.

“The Evolution of the Tattooed Scholar.” FIU. PALS – NVEEE. Miami, Florida. August 2022.

Tuesday Times Roundtable: *Evolution of the Femme: From Salem Witches to Madam Vice President*. Global Learning. FIU and New York Times. March 8, 2022.

“The Plight of the Rohingya in Myanmar” Jaffer Institute, MDC. Miami, Fl. May 24, 2021.

“The Plight of the Rohingya: An Assessment of 21st Century Genocide” Mohsin and Jaffer Center for Muslim World Studies. Vaclav Havel Program for Human Rights and Diplomacy. and Holocaust and Genocide Studies Program FIU. Miami, Fl. April 8, 2021.

Moderator: Women Across Generations Honors College Panel, FIU. Miami, Fl. March 10, 2021.

Moderator: Women Who Lead Honors College Panel, FIU. Miami, FL. March 8, 2021.

“Análisis del Golpe de Estado en Myanmar” Radio Caracol, 1260 AM, Miami, FL. February 16, 2021.

“Buddhist Nationalism: The 969 Movement and the Displacement of the Muslim Rohingya in Myanmar,” Religious Studies Alumni Dinner, Florida International University, Miami, FL. October 24, 2019.

“Breaking the Cycle of Stateless and Refugee: Re-Forming Rohingya Identity in Light of the International Response to the Refugee Crisis.” Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction (IRDR), and Centre for Collective Violence, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, University College London (UCL), London, United Kingdom (UK) 4 - 5 July 2019

“Rohingya RoundTable Discussion,” The Honors College, Florida International University, Miami, FL, April 4, 2019.

FIU’s 100 Women, Center for Women’s and Gender Studies, FIU, Miami, FL, April 2, 2019

“Re-Forming Rohingya Identity in Light of the International Response to the Refugee Crisis,” AAR: SECSOR, Islam & Religions of Asia Panel, Greenville, NC, March 10, 2019.

“The Plight of the Rohingya: Marginalization, Statelessness and Tragedy,” The Jaffer Center for Muslim World Studies, Florida International University, Miami, FL, October 7, 2018.

“The Plight of the Rohingya: Betwixt and Between Muslim and Burmese,” Miami Dade College, Miami, FL, March 28, 2018.

“Life in the Shadows: Buddhist Women and Muslims in Myanmar,” School of International and Public Affairs at Florida International University, Miami, FL, September 27, 2016.

“Myanmar’s 969 Movement: Rejection of Globalization and Instrumentalization of the Burmese Woman,” AAR, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, May 7, 2016.

“The Paradox of Ordination and Religious Nationalism: Theravada Buddhist Nuns and the 969 Movement,” AAR, Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence, Atlanta, GA, Nov. 21, 2015.

“Buddhism and Women in Religion,” Sitagu Buddhist Academy, Sagaing, Myanmar, July 14, 2015.

“Overcoming LGBTQ Subjugation to Violence by Normalizing Diversity,” Peace Ambassador Assembly with NVEEE at Marriot – Delray Beach, May 16, 2015.

“A Quest for Empathy: The Stateless Burmese Women and Children of Baan Unrak,” 15th Annual Women, Sexuality, and Gender Student Association Conference, Florida International University, March 19, 2014