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EDUCATION

Utah Tech University

Bachelor of Science, Major: Psychology

Related Coursework: *Cognitive Psychology, Research Methods, Interpersonal Neuroscience, Personality Theory, Child & Family Mental Health, Human Learning*

St George, Utah

May 2019

Utah Tech University

Associate of Science, Honors

Relevant Coursework: *Introduction to Psychology, Human Development, Social Psychology*

St George, Utah

May 2017

UT AWARDS/HONORS

2016-19 **Dean's List**

2019 **Utah Tech 11 Award**

2019 **Research Funds, High Impact Scholarship**

2018 **Student of the Semester, Department of Psychology**

2016 **Western Undergraduate Exchange Scholarship**

UT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Peer Mentor

Career Services

August 2018 – May 2019

St George, Utah

- Consulted with students one-on-one to provide professional guidance in writing a resume, cover letter, curriculum vitae, and personal/professional statements.
- Provided feedback on current documents with suggestions for areas to improve on. Director: Ali Threet, Career and Student Services.

Teaching Assistant

Preschool Laboratory

January 2018-May 2018

St George, Utah

- Instructed and supervised preschool age children, 3-5 years old.
- Taught shapes, colors, communication skills, conflict management and interpersonal skills.
- Developed a "Sharing and Caring" game to help students gain self-confidence. Director: Cari Buckner.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Intern

Sunrise Residential Treatment Center

January 2019-May 2019

St George, Utah

- Mentored 25 at risk youth at treatment facility.
- Coordinated with case worker and other staff to ensure youth were receiving excellent care including on-call needs and crisis management.
- Helped to plan monthly community service activities.

Crisis Advocate

May 2018-August 2018

H.E.L.P. Line, Suicide Prevention Team

St. George, Utah

- Answered helpline for community in regard to suicide prevention.
- Referred callers to community organizations and/or case worker as needed.
- Worked to ensure callers felt compassion and that they received help.

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

2017-19 **Member and Secretary**, Psy Chi, Psychology Club, UTU

2017-18 **Chapter President**, Oncotelligent, UTU

2017-18 **Treasurer**, Rural Health Scholars, UTU

2016-2018 **Member**, Rural Health Scholars, UTU

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

American Psychology Association, Student Chapter, UTU

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Capstone Research, Neuroscience Lab, UTU

January – May 2019

Conducted research in the Neuroscience Lab directly related to intergroup conflict. Examining real-world social conflicts, implementation, and evaluation of social interventions. Supervised by Dr. John T. Jones II, Department of Psychology.

Directed Research, Washington County School District, UTU

August 2018- March 2019

Worked under supervision of Dr. Ann Ferguson and was the only undergraduate selected to organize and teach an experimental class at a local high school to test a model of suicide prevention. Specific responsibilities included teaching the class, conducting pre and post-assessments for self-harm risk, scoring psychological measuring, and entering data into a database.

PUBLICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS

Organa, M. R. 2019. The Dark Triad & Attitudes toward Feminism. (In-house publication, UTU). *Be sure to know the style of writing required (APA, Chicago, MLA, etc. In this case, APA will be the correct style.)*

Dr. Cheryl King, Phillip Stuart and McKenzie Organa, (2018), *Self-Confidence and Related Anxiety Distress in Preschool Children*, Poster Presentation, Research Institute, UTU, St George, Utah.

CERTIFICATIONS

Utah Tech University

QPR Institute, Suicide Prevention

May 2017

St George, Utah

Instructor: Jamy Dahle, LCSW, Health and Counseling Center