National Women's Studies Association, Baltimore, MD Director of Operations, June 2014 – July 2018 Operations Manager, Jan. 2010 – June 2014

- Led all meeting planning for the national annual conference (2600+ registrants in 2017) and other meetings including, but not limited to: RFPs, contract negotiations, site visits, BEOs, and ADA accommodations
- Created and coordinated processes and structure for association best practices
- Head and maintained association management software (AMS) including, but not limited to: membership data, event registration, and job listings
- Oversaw submissions system for annual conference and all association awards
- Nurtured relationships with all third-party vendors (hotels, venues, audio visual, child care, accessibility, etc) and act as the face of the organization with those vendors
- Managed and oversaw cash flow, monitor expenses, reconcile the bank statements
- Oversaw personnel policies and practices of the organization, including payroll
- Supervised and train interns work and schedules
- Ad-hoc basic design work and website updates

826DC, Washington, D.C.

Co-Founder, Apr. 2008 - Present

- Organization has grown from all-volunteer run to now employing six full-time staff members, more than \$800,000 budget, and serving thousands of students annually
- Supported the transition from Capitol Letters Writing Center to 826DC
- Coordinated and implemented annual grassroots Spring peer-to-peer fundraiser, raising more than \$50,000 annually
- Continue to be committed helping with hotel contracts and assisting on-site for fundraising events

**Obama Presidential Inaugural Committee, Washington, D.C.** 

Accounts Receivable Manager, Dec. 2008- Aug. 2009

- Oversaw and tracked all revenue for the 2009 Presidential Inauguration
- Worked with credit card vendors and financial institutions resolving any revenue issues
- Worked with the CFO to generate reports for filing on behalf of the committee

J-Lab: The Institute for Interactive Journalism, Washington, D.C.

Project Manager, Sept. 2007 - Dec. 2009

- Managed, coordinated and executed all events and travel on tight budgets
- Oversaw and managed multiple budgets, including a \$2.4 million grant from the Knight Foundation
- Maintained relationships with funders
- Organized marketing and publicity efforts of the organization all projects and events

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# CERTIFICATIONS, ACHIEVEMENTS, TALKS

OLUNTEER

CURRENT

Certified Meeting Professional (CMP), January 2016

- Digital Event Strategist (DES), April 2018
- 40 under 40, Connect Associations, 2017
- Smart Women 2017: Doer, Smart Meetings Magazine 2017
- <u>TEDxDupontCircle Talk: "Without 'u' it's just volnteering"</u>, April 2012
  A talk discussing the fun and importance of volunteering with a focus on 826DC

### Baltimore City Women's Commission, 2018 – 2020

- Experience Grand Rapids Customer Advisory Board, 2018 2021
- Mount Vernon Belvedere Association Membership Committee, January 2018 Present
- Baltimore Awesome Foundation Trustee, June 2018 Present
- Special Olympics DC, Unified Partner Basketball, 2012 Present
- Fluid Movement
  - o The Herd, Dance performance in conjunction with Kelley Bell's Light City installation, Spring 2018
  - Sharkespeare, Community Based Water Ballet, <u>Water Droplet</u> in *The Tempest*, Summer 2017

#### • CALL + RESPONSE, 2010 - 2015

Call + Response was an art show that brings together writers and visual artists. The writers provided the call with an original piece of writing and the visual artists generated a new piece of work in response; the end result is two pieces that speak to each other. The overarching goal is to draw bridges between creative communities. Between 2010 - 2015, the show had five iterations, each year with a new twist.

#### • Kiraoke, 2015 - 2017

A unique karaoke event celebrating friendship featuring a "kiraoke-gram" booth where attendees can create their own karaoke video to send to a long-distance friend.

#### • 826DC Paddlestar Galactica, 2013 - Present

A peer-to-peer fundraising ping-pong tournament for cheaters. Participants fundraise for a month cumulating in a bracket style tournament. Players "spend" the money they've raised to purchase cheats to give them the edge over their opponent.

WEBSITE

SELECTED CURATION

www.kiraface.com

**EDUCATION** 

#### University of Miami,

Coral Gables, FL

Bachelor of Science in Communication, May 2006