



WORK EXPERIENCE

2020 - present

Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

District 4 County Supervisor

Vice Chair, Committee on Economic and Community Development. Authored or co-sponsored more than fifty resolutions and amendments in the first nine months in office, including a culinary program at the Vel Phillips Juvenile Justice Center, measures around law enforcement accountability, the declaration of a Right to Shelter, and laying the groundwork for a Right to Counsel for families facing eviction or foreclosure. Recognized in January 2021 in the *Shepherd Express* "Best of Milwaukee" awards as "Best County Supervisor".

2018 - present

PRAWN (Progressive Restaurants and Activists of Wisconsin Network)

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Founder, Legislative Liason

Formed labor advocacy group focused on improving labor conditions for hospitality industry workers, as an affiliate of RAISE / ROC-United. Recruited other respected Wisconsin restaurateurs to join and advocate. Developed and implemented training in conjunction with Restaurant Opportunities Center and the Sanctuary Restaurant movement. Attended national conferences for hospitality worker rights. Lobbied state and national politicians on issues related to increasing wages and working conditions. Countered regressive policy positions promoted by the National Restaurant Association and Wisconsin Restaurant Association to ensure workers' concerns are represented.

2015 - present

Bounce Milwaukee

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Co-owner

Developed and created family entertainment center, restaurant, bar and event venue from the initial conception through realization. Oversaw every step of design and construction. Recruited, hired, trained and supervised team of 25 employees. Managed all social media, advertising, outreach and development. Negotiated contracts with vendors, suppliers and contractors. Won awards for "Best Place to Work" as well as for sustainability.

2008 - 2015

Professional Learning Institute (Milwaukee Public Schools)

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

English teacher, Advisor

Raised reading, writing and climate achievement and scores among a large range of student abilities within a high-need, project-based, teacher-led high school. Took on significant administrative, counseling and planning duties. Integrated conflict resolution into school curricula in English and Social Studies. Implemented conflict resolution

Worked with a team of graduate and undergraduate students to identify and support positive individual and group agents for change to help them draw and strengthen connections with allies and counterparts within and outside of the conflict.

Summers

Legacy International

2004 - 2009

Bedford, Virginia

Counselor, Counselor Trainer

Worked closely with youth from diverse cultural backgrounds, including individuals and groups from Iraq, Indonesia, the United States and other areas of conflict. Trained counseling staff. Planned team-building and conflict resolution activities.

2003 - 2010

Peace Action Wisconsin

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Steering Committee Member

Served on board of directors for local affiliate as well as the national board in Washington, DC. Organized events, including trips with youth around issues of peace and social justice

2003

Truth, Justice, Peace movement

Baghdad and Taji, Iraq

Volunteer

Worked with students in pre-war Baghdad to develop cross-cultural connections to students in the United States. Brought student stories back to United States through broadcast media and speaking tours. Defended the right to travel and worked to strengthen cross-cultural ties.

SKILLS

Significant experience living and working with individuals and groups from diverse backgrounds and cultures, as well as experience in project-based environments. Significant experience with organizing and activism.

EDUCATION

2008 - 2012

California State University - Dominguez Hills

MA in Negotiation, Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding. GPA: 3.9 Coursework included both in-depth work with negotiation, mediation and other ADR processes as well as specialization in conflict resolution with youth, in schools, and in international contexts.

1995 - 2000

Beloit College

BA in English (Creative Writing) with Certification in Secondary Education. Journalism minor. Related coursework in linguistics, law, comparative education, comparative literature. Edited student newspaper.