

Annie Freitas, Predoctoral Fellow

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Predoectoral fellow with a solid foundation in quantitative and qualitative research methods and program monitoring and evaluation focusing on post-secondary correctional education with an emphasis on building university and prison partnerships and the development of trauma-informed curriculum. Experience in program development for a range of settings including juvenile detention centers, woman's prisons, and traditional elementary, middle and high schools. Looking to increase research experience by working with experienced academic and correctional professionals.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT & CERTIFICATION

Doctorate of Philosophy, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, August 2015-Present

Sociology: City, Culture and Community

Bachelor of Arts, Scripps College, Claremont, CA, May 2011

Cumulative GPA: 3.64, Magna Cum Laude, Dean's List, 2008-2011

B.A. Psychology

Honors Thesis: Beyond Acceptance: Serving the Needs of Transgender Students at Women's Colleges

B.A. Theatre

Honors Thesis:

The Othello Project: Contextualizing Individual Actions and Empowering Incarcerated Youth Through Theater

Highly Qualified Teacher- Teach For America-The New Teacher Project

Highly qualified teacher in Special Education, Elementary Education and Secondary English, Grades 1st-12th

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Alvarez Spark Innovation Award	2016
Emily Schoenbaum Community Development Grant	2016
Graduate Community Engagement Fellowship	2016
Lois Langland Award for Excellence in Psychological Research of Gender	2011
Motley Thesis Grant	2011
Donald A. Strauss Scholarship	2010
Judith Nelsen Keep Summer Internship Grant	2009

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Psychology Senior Thesis Project

Scripps College

Title: Beyond Acceptance: Serving the Needs of Transgender Students at Women's Colleges

First Reader: Dr. Sheila Walker

Second Reader: Dr. Jennifer Ma

Applied quantitative and qualitative methods to measure institutional and peer support for transgender and cisgender students at a variety of colleges and universities, which resulted in an evaluation of self-reported support and experience for transgender students at women's colleges in comparison to co-educational institutions

Theater Senior Thesis Project

Scripps College

Title: The Othello Project: Contextualizing Individual Actions and Empowering Incarcerated Youth Through Theater

First Reader: Dr. Arthur Horowitz

Second Reader: Joyce Lu

Third Reader: Dr. Susan Castagnetto

Developed a series of theater and writing workshops for incarcerated youths to analyze *Othello* resulting in a student written epilogue, which was performed inside the facility and screened as a documentary on campus; compiled research from this project and relevant programs for incarcerated youth resulted in an article, which was presented at the Capstone Day Conference

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Orleans Parish Prison/ Delgado Community College Work Release Program

New Orleans, LA, August 2015- Present

**Lead Teacher, Reentry Education Clinic, Louisiana Prison Education Coalition/ Women With a Vision
New Orleans, LA, June 2016-Present**

**7th Grade ELA Teacher, Marrero Middle School
New Orleans, LA, August 2013-May 2015**

**Elementary School Teacher/Special Education Coordinator, Harriet Tubman Charter School
New Orleans, LA, July 2011-June 2013**

**Facilitator, Life Writing Workshops, California Institute for Women (Correctional Facility)
Chino, CA, August 2010-May 2011**

**Group Leader, Borrowed Voices, Camp Afflabaugh Paige Juvenile Detention Center
Laverne, CA, September 2009-May 2011**

DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

**Program Director, Louisiana Prison Education Coalition
New Orleans, LA, August 2015- Present**

Develop and implement programming to provide educational opportunities to currently and formerly incarcerated people and manage partnerships with organizations in order to create new programs

**Graduate, Voice of the Ex-Offender (VOTE) Leadership Development Institute
New Orleans, LA, January 2016-March 2016**

Invited participant in an eight week community organizing leadership intensive course to develop professional skill sets in order to develop social justice campaigns on topics related to criminal justice

**Founder/Instructor, The D.R.E.A.M. Program
Oakland, CA, January 2010-2011**

Conceptualized and implemented a five-week interdisciplinary art's summer program for Oakland youth funded through the Donald A. Strauss Scholarship

**Founder/Instructor, Oakland School for the Arts Alumni Association and College Preparatory Program
Oakland, CA, June 2009-July 2013**

Developed curriculum and instructed a no-cost, month long, college preparatory intensive for high school students which provided direct instruction five days a week covering SAT prep, college search and admissions, and financial aid

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Sociologists for Women in Society
Society for the Study of Social Problems
American Evaluation Association
American Society of Criminology

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Moderator, First Degree: A Call to Action for College Programs in Louisiana Prisons, April 2016, New Orleans, LA

Invited Panelist, Pomona College Criminal Justice Symposium, March 2016, Claremont, CA

Presenter, "Beyond Acceptance: Serving the Needs of Transgender Students at Women's Colleges", American Sociological Association, Section: Teaching and Learning, Session: Challenges of Teaching the 21st Century Student Body, August 2016, Seattle, WA

Presenter, "The Othello Project: Contextualizing Individual Actions and Empowering Incarcerated Youth Through Theater", Scripps College Capstone Day Conference, May 2011, Claremont, CA

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