

SCRA Community Psychology Practice Council

Community Psychology Practitioner Profiles Project

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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Professional Affiliations	

Please describe the work you do, for pay, as a community psychologist, including the setting(s) where you work?

I currently work in an academic setting, but my career prior to this position was in local and national non-profits.

What training/education do you have in community psychology?

I have an MA in Clinical Psychology, but my PhD is in Psychology in the Public Interest from North Carolina State University.

Please describe how your training/education contributed to your work as a community psychologist. What do you view as the most important skills you learned in your training as a community psychologist.

The most important skills I learned are as a researcher who has a community psychologist's mind-set (focusing on the principles of community psychology and using an ecological frame)

What other experiences or training have contributed to or enhanced your ability to work as a community psychologist?

My work as a research director at a national non-profit required me to learn about public health as well as marketing which better equips me by diversifying my "tool box."

Are there other ways you use your community psychology background and training, either unpaid or in paid roles other than your primary work?

I do consultant work within my community with non-profits on girl empowerment and obesity prevention.

What advice might you give to students or people considering community psychology as a career?

If you are frustrated with focusing solely on the problem residing in the individual, but want to create change in your community, then consider community psychology.

Key Words:

State/Country: IL

Primary Place of Employment: National Louis University

Areas of Practice Expertise: Child maltreatment, social capital, collective efficacy, obesity prevention, girl empowerment