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EDUCATION

PH.D. Culture and Communication, University of Denver (2014)

Concentration: Critical Pedagogy

- *Rocky Mountain Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, 2013*
- *Inclusive Excellence Doctoral Fellow, 2010-2013*

M.S. Intercultural Communication, Southern Illinois University Carbondale (2010)

Concentration: Intercultural Communication Pedagogy

- *Thomas Pace Graduate Student Teaching Award, 2010*

B.S. Intercultural Communication, Southern Illinois University Carbondale (2008)

SKILLS

- Expert knowledge of culture, communication, and intersectional student experiences
- Advocate for students from underserved backgrounds, including first-generation students
- Strong instructor and designer of inclusive university curricula
- Excellent academic and technical writer and mixed-methods researcher
- Strong organizational skills and dedicated work ethic
- Extensive supervisory experience for small and large teams
- Skilled navigation of interdepartmental collaborations and partnerships
- Seasoned workshop developer and facilitator
- Fluent in CU Boulder campus database systems
- Proficient Spanish speaker and writer

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of Diversity Recruitment and Retention, School of Education, CU Boulder

(August 2017-present)

- Support School of Education faculty and graduate students in the development of inclusive curricula with regards to students of color, LGBTQ+ students, and first-generation students
- Lead team of doctoral student instructors in instruction of first-year seminar
- Oversee instruction, recruitment, and community programming for the Multicultural Leadership Scholars (MLS) and Education Diversity Scholars (EDS) programs
- Design and teach first-year seminar for Elementary Education and Leadership majors who identify as first-generation students and students of color
- Teach specialized LEAD 1000 curriculum for first-year students in the MLS program
- Provide individualized support for 125 first-generation students in the EDS & MLS programs
- Serve as School of Education liaison to campus-wide diversity and inclusion efforts with the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Community Engagement
- Organize community events focused on diversity and inclusion for School of Education
- Collaborate with campus resource centers to provide wrap-around support for students
- Oversee strategic outreach and recruitment efforts to first-generation high school students in the Denver-Boulder metro area

Affiliate Faculty, Department of Arts & Letters, Front Range Community College, Longmont

(May 2018-Present)

- Teach undergraduate courses in Intercultural Communication and Public Speaking
- Independently design curricula and assess student progress
- Serve as liaison to campus and system-wide diversity committees

Instructor, Roaring Fork and Fort Morgan Pre-Collegiate Programs, CU Boulder
(2017-2019)

- Designed and taught courses in Multicultural Leadership for rural, first-generation high school students during a two-week residential program

Director of College and Career Programs, “I Have a Dream” Foundation Boulder County
(August 2016-August 2017)

- Developed and implemented inclusive college and career preparatory workshops for bilingual students and families from low-income backgrounds in Boulder County
- Provided one-on-one college and career support to 20 high school students, 50 college students, and their families
- Consulted with staff and community partners on inclusive practices and policies
- Worked with Colorado higher education institutions to build admissions pathways
- Taught a weekly college and career preparatory course at Boulder High School
- Led a team of seven program coordinators and AmeriCorps volunteers

Pre-Collegiate Program Coordinator, “I Have a Dream” Foundation Boulder County
(March 2015-August 2016)

- Designed and originated Dream Big Summer Residential Program collaboration between “I Have a Dream,” CU Boulder, Boulder Housing Partners, and Boulder Valley School District
- Developed curricula for and delivered year round college and career preparatory workshops for first-generation, bilingual high school students and families in Boulder County
- Provided one-on-one college and career support to high school and college students
- Maintained relationships with contacts in financial aid, student advising and student life at a variety of colleges in Colorado
- Supervised a staff of eight in the development of a two-week summer residential program at CU Boulder and a weeklong summer program at Front Range Community College
- Recruited students from low-income families in Boulder County

Doctoral Student Consultant, Center for Multicultural Excellence, University of Denver
(January 2014-June 2014)

- Audited and revised intercultural training materials for use on campus and in the community, including Queer and Ally faculty, staff, and student training curriculum
- Supported directors of academic programs in the development of inclusive curricula and pedagogical practices with an explicit focus on intersectionality
- Designed and coordinated major social, cultural, and academic events on campus
- Advised student groups and assisted student leaders in coordinating campus events

Assistant to the Director of Graduate Teaching Instructors, University of Denver
(June 2012-June 2013)

- Co-designed and facilitated inclusive pedagogy workshops and speaker series for a cohort of thirteen doctoral student instructors in Communication Studies and Education
- Collaborated with campus and community partners to provide professional development opportunities for doctoral student instructors
- Developed and maintained collaborations with offices and centers around campus, including the Center for Multicultural Excellence, the Disability Services Program, and Athletics to provide multidimensional support for undergraduate students from underrepresented groups
- Supported the Director of Graduate Teaching Instructors with the development of syllabi for undergraduate courses in Communication Studies
- Conducted quarterly classroom-based performance reviews of doctoral student instructors

Graduate Teaching Instructor, Department of Communication Studies, University of Denver
(September 2010-May 2013)

- Co-designed and taught undergraduate courses in Intercultural Communication, Public Speaking, and Communication through Literature
- Designed and taught an upper-division Critical Communication Pedagogy course based on my original research
- Collaborated with campus partners, including the English Language Center, Athletics, and the Health and Wellness Center, to facilitate intersectional support for undergraduate students
- Coached undergraduate students on writing, academic performance and cultural sensitivity
- Supported and mentored undergraduate students
- Underwent a series of inclusive pedagogy, curriculum design, and implicit bias workshops

Graduate Teaching Instructor, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
(August 2009-May 2013)

- Designed and taught undergraduate courses in public speaking in the Center for Academic Success, a provisional acceptance program that supports first-generation college students

Program Assistant, McNair Scholars Program, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
(April 2008-September 2008)

- Mentored a group of twelve first-generation undergraduate students in the completion of their original research projects
- Co-designed and coordinated an intensive three-week Summer Research Institute for Scholars

SELECTED SERVICE AND PRESENTATIONS

Service

- Faculty Coordinator, Teachers of Color and Allies Summit, CU Boulder (2017-present)
- Qualified Administrator, Intercultural Development Inventory, CU Boulder (2018-present)
- Representative, Diversity Committee, Front Range Community College Longmont (2016-present)
- Boulder County Leadership Fellows, Boulder Community Foundation (2018-2019)
- Coordinator, Queer and Trans People of Color Leadership Summit, Boulder County (2017-2019)
- Cultural Mentor, Diversity and Inclusion Summit, CU Boulder (2018)
- Search Committee, McNair Scholars Director, Student Academic Success Center (2017)
- Vice President, Board of Directors, Out Boulder County LGBTQ+ Organization (2016-2019)
- Volunteer Facilitator, OASOS LGBTQ+ Youth Group, Boulder County Public Health (2016-2018)
- Designer, *Annual Diversity Summit on Inclusive Excellence*, University of Denver (2012-2014)
- Committee Member, Social Justice Leadership Institute, Southern Illinois University (2009)

Presentations

- “Intersectional Leadership.” CU Boulder Leadership Conference (2019)
- “Supporting Underrepresented Students in the School of Education.” CU Boulder (2019)
- “Institutional Racism Today.” City of Boulder Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration (2019)
- “Advocating for First-Generation College Students at CU Boulder.” College of Media, Communication, and Information Pathways Summer Program (2018)
- “Multicultural Leadership and Student Advocacy.” Amplify Podcast, CU Engage (2018)
- “Inclusivity and Dialogue in Education.” Front Range Community College Career Night (2018)
- “Who Are You?” LGBTQ Institute on Inclusive Educational Practices (2018)
- “Serving First-Generation and Latinx Students through Multi-Sector Partnerships.” Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative Grantee Conference (2017)
- “Inclusive Communication.” Notre Dame Mission Volunteers of America team orientation (2017)

- “Moving Toward Collective Liberation.” Out Boulder County community forum (2016)
- “Using Theories of Intersectionality and Social Justice to Support Dreamers.” The National “I Have a Dream” Staff Conference (2016)
- “Performing Patience: Teachers of Color Forging Cross-Racial Alliances with White Students.” The Third Biennial Pedagogy of Privilege Conference, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver (2013)
- “Pedagogy of the Overlap: Puzzl(ing) Approaches and Queer Students of Color.” American Educational Studies Association (2010)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Pattisapu, K. “Celebration, Resistance and Change: Queer Gender Performers of Color as Public Pedagogues.” Queer Communication Pedagogy. Eds. A. Atay & S. Pensoneau-Conway. New York: Routledge. (2018).

Pattisapu, K. (2019). “The Necessity of Intentionally Closed Spaces for LGBTQ Youth of Color.” *The Assembly Journal of Public Education*.

Alaoui, F. C., Moreira, R., Pattisapu, K., Shukri, S., and Calafell, B. M. “I Am Not Maria/Samira: On the Interchangeability of ‘Brownness’ in U.S. American Pedagogical Contexts.” Claiming a Seat at the Table: Feminism, Underserved Women of Color, Voice and Resistance. Eds. S. Givens and K. Tassie. Lanham, MD: Lexington Press. (2014).

Pattisapu, K. and Calafell, B. M. “(Academic) Families of Choice: Queer Relationality, Mentoring, and Critical Communication Pedagogy.” Identity Research and Communication: Intercultural Reflections and Future Directions. Eds. N. Bardhan and M. Orbe. Lanham, MD: Lexington Press. (2012).

* *Recipient of the 2012 Outstanding Book Chapter Award, Ethnography Division, National Communication Association.*

* *Recipient of the 2013 Best Edited Book Collection, International and Intercultural Division, National Communication Association.*