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Writer, strategist, facilitator, and project leader with more than fifteen years of experience working in higher education, intergovernmental organizations, social science research, and public health. Global profile as a leader with a passion for international collaboration and exchange. Expertise managing projects in academic medicine, social sciences, and humanities. Subject-matter expert on gender equality. Superb communicator and skilled facilitator with ability to build consensus among diverse stakeholders and communicate complex initiatives.

Selected Projects and Clients

G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council (GEAC)

Berlin, Germany and Tokyo, Japan, September 2022–present

- Served as Editor-in-Chief of 2023 and [2022 GEAC Report and Recommendations to G7 leaders](#); supervised all stages of production, wrote content, compiled data across multiple sources, edited full text, negotiated changes with contributors, and ensured on-time delivery of report
- Led writing of [2023 GEAC Executive Summary and Communique to G7 leaders](#)
- Provided research, writing, and project management expertise to international panel of experts advising G7 leaders on gender equality
- Organized and facilitated monthly GEAC meetings

Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)

September 2022–July 2023

- Led internal institutional evaluation and renewal application for WZB “HR Excellence in Research” certification through the European Commission
- Facilitated stakeholder meetings, conducted 1:1 interviews, and analyzed quantitative and qualitative data in German and English
- Wrote final report and presented to Academic Council

UNESCO

April–June 2023

- Provided significant developmental editing and writing support to 112-page Handbook, [Tackling violence against women and girls in sport: a handbook for policy makers and sports practitioners](#) and Quality Physical Education Technical Report
- Synthesized and integrated feedback from multiple stakeholders, including UNESCO, UN Women, and expert reviewers
- Restructured, revised, and streamlined theoretical text and concepts into brief notes, concepts, and action items
- Applied expertise in gender equality, sociology, public health, and international development
- Developed and managed timelines with international collaborators

Employment

Administrative Director, Wisconsin Surgical Outcomes Research Program (WiSOR)

University of Wisconsin–Madison, November 2016– June 2022

- Oversaw daily operations and strategic growth of multi-investigator surgical health services research program encompassing ~20 faculty-led research teams
- Facilitated and wrote strategic plans and program governance policies
- Oversaw launch of state-wide surgical quality improvement organization: led team to engage more than 90 member hospitals and 200 surgeons, developed business plan, managed relationships with clinical and community partners
- Led creation and strategic growth of Qualitative Research Core; provided support to over 20 federal and foundation grants

Officer for Research Funding and Ethics

Berlin Social Science Center (WZB), August 2015–July 2016

- Led the creation of one of Germany's first institutional social science research ethics policies and Institutional Research Boards, ensuring protection of research participants and compliance with international research standards
- Developed institutional policies for international research partnerships, thesis advisory committees, and doctoral advising agreements; ensured concordance with institutional policies in the European Union and North America

Associate Director, Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies

University of Wisconsin–Madison, January 2011–July 2015

- Researched, developed, and implemented new undergraduate major and certificate programs in Jewish Studies; organized integration of the University of Wisconsin's Modern Hebrew program into the Center for Jewish Studies
- Developed strategies to engage board members, alumni, donors, and community partners through print and digital newsletters, fundraising appeals, social media, and donor events
- Built and stewarded relationships with current and potential donors; fostered communication and engagement between donors and beneficiaries to increase philanthropic giving

Editor, Recent Researches in Music

A-R Editions, Inc, August 2009–January 2011

- Oversaw all stages of publication for seven volumes of music and accompanying academic text (ca. 1000 pages/year)
- Managed relationships with scholars and production staff to develop manuscripts, negotiate necessary changes, and resolve challenges during production process
- Established publication timelines and ensured that projects were completed on time and on budget
- Edited music, texts, and translations for content and style to ensure high scholarly quality.

Education

Columbia University

Mellon Post-doctoral Fellow (2007–2009)

University of Pennsylvania

PhD, History of Music (2001–2007)

Rice University

BMus, Piano Performance (1996–2000)

Additional Training

Leadership

Facilitator training: Advanced Integral Facilitation	2023
Facilitator training: Journey to Group Power and Liberating Structures	2023
Leadership and Engagement Across Disciplines	2021–22
Reuniting Teams: Co-Creating Culture, Values, and Intentions	2021
Fully Prepared to Lead: Certificate in Leadership	2020
Managing Remote Teams	2020
Leading Teams Across Silos: The Advanced Skill of Boundary Spanning	2019
The Manager's Role in Work Satisfaction, Performance, and Engagement	2019
Principles of Supervision and Management Certificate	2018

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Leading for Racial Equity: Anti-Racist Workforce Development	2021
Inclusive and Collaborative Leadership in Decision Making	2018

Other Skills and Expertise

- Strategic planning
- Policy development
- Process improvement
- International partnerships
- Curricular planning
- Course development and implementation
- Undergraduate and graduate teaching
- Marketing and communications
- Institutional governance
- Fundraising and board relations
- Grant writing and editing
- Event and conference planning
- Languages: English (native), German (full professional proficiency)
- Software tools: MS Office Suite, Sharepoint, WordPress, InDesign, Qualtrics Survey Software