

Curriculum Vitae

Stephanie A. Bell

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Education

- 09/2007-06/2009 **Master of Social Work**
Graduate School of Social Work (GSSW)
University of Denver
Concentration in Leadership for Organizational and Community Practice
GPA: 3.96
- 08/2005-05/2007 **Bachelor of Arts, English**
University of Iowa
Concentration in Literary Theory and Interdisciplinary Studies
GPA: 3.90

Teaching Experience

- 09/2011-present **Adjunct Faculty**
Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver, Denver CO
Courses
-Multicultural Social Work Practice
- 09/2010-present **Guest Lecturer**
The Human Trafficking Clinic, Joseph Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver, Denver CO
-Domestic Human Trafficking
-Trauma Bonding in Human Trafficking Situations
- 09/2010-present **Guest Lecturer**
Human Trafficking, Metropolitan State College of Denver, Denver CO
-The Domestic Trafficking of Youth

Professional Experience

- 03/2011-present **Director**
Prax(us), Denver CO
-Responsible for all operations and programs of the organization
-Administer financial operations, including budget, fundraising, grant writing, and reporting
-Supervise and mentor staff, graduate student placements, and volunteers

- Supervise all program areas, including street outreach, case management, and community organizing
- Continually developing, implementing, and improving evaluation of all program areas
- Conduct trainings, presentations, and other community education events
- Improve the marketing and communications of the organization
- Develop collaborative relationships with funders, service providers, law enforcement, youth, policy makers and other stakeholders
- Participate in community collaborations and taskforces
- Provide technical assistance to other organizations and stakeholders
- Build public awareness of the problem of domestic human trafficking
- Continue to work directly with youth, particularly focusing on leadership development
- Respond to all media and community requests

06/2009-03/2011

Co-Director (Outreach and Community Organizer from 06/2010 to 03/2011 and Community Organizer from 06/2009 to 06/2010)
Prax(us), Denver CO

- Provide general and clinical supervision to graduate student placements
- Provide case management to Prax(us) participants who are involved in exploitation or human trafficking situations
- Respond to all calls regarding domestic human trafficking that come through the Colorado Network to End Human Trafficking (CoNEHT) hotline
- Developed and implemented evaluation techniques for all programs
- Use a harm reduction model to provide street outreach to youth experiencing labor or sexual exploitation
- Work with law enforcement and other service providers
- Responsible for grassroots organizing of participants
- Research and plan organizing campaigns around issues that youth participants determine
- Promote leadership development and empowerment among youth participants and volunteers
- Conduct policy analyses and advocacy on issues affecting the community
- Ensure the success of the organization as a co-director of Prax(us)
- Build collaborative relationships with other organizations and stakeholders
- Provide crisis counseling to youth involved in human trafficking situations
- Train service providers, community members, and volunteers on human trafficking, the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC), and anti-oppression practice
- Serve as the main point of contact for media, policy, and student requests

09/2009-03/2010

Job and Family Advocate
Project WISE, Denver CO

- Provided individual counseling to low-income women, most of whom are on Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

- Facilitated therapeutic and life skills groups
- Planned and facilitated Women's Leadership Program monthly events
- Developed a curriculum for a four-week domestic violence support group, as well as one-time group curriculums on constructive feedback and policy advocacy
- Organized participant involvement in policy advocacy
- Conducted one-to-one interviews with participants
- Participated in clinical case consultations
- Advocated for policy changes that affect low-income women and their communities
- Participated in community collaborations

09/2007-07/2009

Graduate Work-study Assistant
Intermodal Transportation Institute (ITI), University of Denver,
 Denver CO

- Created publications and updated website for ITI
- Composed communications with the Board of Directors and the Executive Masters alumni
- Managed and standardized databases and existing ITI documents
- Assisted with planning and executing special events and residencies
- Assisted with Board of Directors fundraising

09/2008-06/2009

Community Outreach Worker
Prax(us), Denver CO

- Coordinated and served as an advocate for the statewide Colorado Network to End Human Trafficking hotline
- Used a harm reduction model to provide street outreach to youth experiencing labor or sexual exploitation
- Used participatory action research to develop agency outcome goals for participants
- Developed and implemented a community organizing project for participants, including peer-led Know Your Rights trainings
- Researched and wrote grants and fundraised from individual donors
- Provided crisis counseling and intervention to individuals in human trafficking situations
- Engaged participants on street outreach and provided counseling and case management to youth
- Developed collaborative partnerships with community organizations, local businesses, and government agencies, including Division of Youth Corrections (DYC)

09/2007-06/2008

Allies in Action Organizing Intern
Rights for All People, Denver CO

- Organized the Allies in Action program for English-speaking allies of Latino/a immigrants
- Received training in community organizing and immigrant rights empowerment campaigns

- Developed the curriculum for and led the workshop, *Reframing the Immigration Debate*
- Recruited volunteers for the Allies program and worked on leadership development among volunteers
- Researched grant opportunities for the organization

03/2007-08/2007

Assistant to the Partner Site Coordinator**International Programs, University of Iowa, Iowa City IA**

- Transported Chinese language instructors to and from teaching locations across the state
- Managed alumni database and composed communications with alumni and staff
- Planned and executed activities and events for visiting international students and scholars

02/2006-09/2006

**Research Assistant to Asst. Professor Mercedes Bern-Klug
School of Social Work, University of Iowa, Iowa City IA**

- Compiled and coded data for over 1,000 participants in the “National Study of Nursing Home Social Services”
- Contacted potential participants via telephone to enroll them in study
- Conducted independent research on heterosexism training for nursing home social workers
- Developed a manuscript that was published

05/2006-08/2006

AmeriCorps member**Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County, Iowa City IA**

- Supervised 40+ low-income, immigrant and refugee students at a summer camp
- Provided home visits to inform parents about regulations, assist with forms, and connect parents with community resources
- Planned and executed special events for the students by coordinating community resources

09/2005-05/2006

Community Work-study**Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County, Iowa City IA**

- Provided academic support for 15 low-income students in a comprehensive after-school program
- Enlisted community resources to enable at least 2 fieldtrips per week for students
- Empowered over 20 parents in receiving financial assistance and completing residency requirements

02/2005-08/2005

Direct Support Professional**Saint Louis ARC, St. Louis MO**

- Assisted 4 adults with developmental disabilities with daily living activities
- Budgeted the earnings and expenditures of residents on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis

-Developed and implemented a dietary plan that enabled the 4 adults who were high-risk for heart disease to lose over 100 pounds altogether

09/2004-12/2004

Fundraiser

Telefund, Inc., Denver CO

-Generated over \$80,000 in a three-month period for progressive non-profit organizations through individual grassroots fundraising

-Financially sustained over 50 organizations including: Amnesty International, International Rescue Committee, NARAL, Planned Parenthood, Southern Poverty Law Center, and Sierra Club

-Collaborated with representatives of organizations to increase fulfillment rates

Professional Service

2010-present

Co-Chair, Outreach Workgroup, Advisory Committee on Homeless Youth, State of Colorado

2010-present

Member, Racial and Gender Disparity Committee, Crime Prevention and Control Commission, City of Denver

2009-present

Member, Youth HIV Advocacy Coalition (YHAC)

2008-present

Member, Rainbow Alley Research Group

2008-2009

Member, National Steering Committee, Social Welfare Action Alliance

2008-2009

Organizer, Denver Chapter, Social Welfare Action Alliance

2009

Member, Youth Alley Planning Committee, Denver PrideFest

2007-2009

Member, Planning Committee, Allies in Action, Rights for All People

Publications

Walls, N. E., & Bell, S. (2010). Correlates of engaging in survival sex among homeless youth and young adults. *Journal of Sex Research*, 47, 1- 14.

Bell, S. A., Bern-Klug, M., Kramer, K., Saunders, J. B. (2010). Most nursing home social service directors lack training in working with Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual residents. *Social Work in Health Care*, 49(9), 814-831.

Bell, S. A. (2009). Violence against sex workers in Latin America: Pervasiveness, impunity, and implications. *Human Rights and Human Welfare, Topical Research Digest: Revisiting Human Rights in Latin America*, 132-150.

Presentations

Drake, J., Bell, S., & Breslin, L. (2011). *Combating Human Trafficking with Demand Reduction & Harm Reduction*. 23rd Annual Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance Conference, Keystone, Colorado.

Bell, S., Riley, B., Anderson, S., Harvey, P., & Finger, A. (2011). *Plenary Panel of Organizations Fighting Human Trafficking in Colorado*. Conference on Religion, Human Trafficking, and Modern Slavery, University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology.

Bell, S. (2011). *Human Trafficking of Youth in the USA*. Conference on Religion, Human Trafficking, and Modern Slavery, University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology.

Bell, S. (2010). *Human Trafficking 101 for Service Providers*. Advisory Committee on Homeless Youth, State of Colorado.

Alejano-Steele, A., Bell, S., & Croucher, L. (2010). *Human Trafficking for Law Enforcement and Service Providers*. 22nd Annual Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance Conference, Keystone, Colorado.

Bell, S. (2010). *Vicarious Trauma*. Colorado Network to End Human Trafficking, Denver, Colorado.

Bell, S. & Croucher, L. (2010). *Crisis Intervention*. Colorado Network to End Human Trafficking, Denver, Colorado.

Bell, S. & Croucher, L. (2010). *Victim Identification*. Colorado Network to End Human Trafficking, Denver, Colorado.

Bell, S. (2010). *Human Trafficking*. Posada, Pueblo, Colorado.

Bell, S. (2009). *Cycles of Oppression and Violence*. Colorado Network to End Human Trafficking, Denver, Colorado.

Bell, S. & Walls, N. E. (2009). *Correlates of Engaging in Survival Sex among Homeless Youths & Young Adults*. Graduate Student Research Day, University of Denver.

Bell, S., & Walls, N. E. (2008). *Correlates of Engaging in Survival Sex among Homeless Youths & Young Adults*. Symposium on Working with Homeless Youth, Youth Workforce Development, The Office of Economic Development, City of Denver.

Bell, S. (2008). *Reframing the Immigration Debate*. Rights for All People, Denver, Colorado.

Awards

2009 Multicultural Social Justice Award, GSSW, University of Denver