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EDUCATION Master of Health Sciences (MHS)

May 2017

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD

Concentration: Mental Health

Honors: Member of Delta Omega Public Health Honors Society

Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry

July 2011

University of Leicester, Leicester, United Kingdom

Peer Reviewed Publications:

Gallagher, J.R., Menon, P., Francis, Z., Collinson, M. and Odili, P., 2023. Color in the Court: Using the Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) Program Assessment Tool to Promote Equitable and Inclusive Treatment Court Practice. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, pp.1-13.

CRIMINAL & RACIAL JUSTICE LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

American University School of Public Affairs – RED Initiative

In 2017, AU's SPA created and Piloted the RED Assessment tool, and leads the field in analyzing, reporting on, and providing targeted responses to, disparities in treatment courts.

Project Director

January 2023 – Present

- Developed automatic scoring system to RED assessment to support efficient report writing and reliable data analysis for courts and states.
- Collaborated with partners across the US to form the REDI advisory
- Worked closely with national and statewide partners to ensure state leadership have access to, and a full understanding of the importance of, collecting, analyzing and responding to RED in treatment courts

JustLeadershipUSA

JustLeadership builds local power in communities, by providing training, support, and resource, to directly impacted individuals across the nation to dismantle racist and oppressive systems.

Director of Programs & Impact

January 2022 – December 2022

- Lead a diverse and multi-faceted six-person team of formerly incarcerated leaders to imagine, create, implement evaluate and enhance all JLUSA Leadership Training Programs.
- Created curriculum and Racial justice content for new and existing programs and mentored staff on presentation.
- Created and managed department budgets.
- Evaluated and produced reports on outcome metrics and impact of programs on leaders', and their communities.
- In partnership with Executive leadership, shaped the strategic direction of the organization, and key focus areas for programs.
- Created and implemented new advanced training program focused on non-profit management and board development for exceptional formerly incarcerated leaders.

Training Manager**January 2021 – December 2021**

- Lead a team of Formerly Incarcerated Movement and Capacity Building Specialists providing training, resources and subject matter expertise on criminal & racial justice topics.
- Designed curriculum and programming for JustLeadership's Flagship year-long cohort for directly impacted individuals seeking to promote racial justice and reduce the footprint of incarceration.
- Envisioned, created, implemented, delivered, and evaluated Emerging Leaders training program focused on local advocacy and leadership in criminal justice reform.
- Created facility-based leadership training program for leaders currently incarcerated to advocate for change from within the system.
- Developed performance metrics and evaluated program outcomes' alignment with goals.

Senior Research Specialist / Senior Program Associate**October 2017 – December 2020**

Justice Programs Office – American University

The Justice Programs Office provides research support, criminal justice expertise, training, and technical assistance to justice initiatives, in partnership with federal, state and local agencies.

- Trained, and provided technical assistance to wide variety of justice stakeholders on the 2016 juvenile drug treatment court guidelines (JDTC).
- Led collaboration with partners to design and implement technical assistance programs to individual jurisdictions focusing on evidence based JDTC strategies.
- Collaborated with multiple stakeholders to assess Racial and Ethnic Disparities using AU's RED assessment tool.
- Created and disseminated statewide and jurisdiction specific reports and recommendations on reducing disparities in treatment courts
- Managed and co-facilitated racial justice and equity training program for problem solving courts.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE**Adjunct Professor****January 2020 - Present**

American University - Department of Justice Law and Criminology

The department of JLC provides internationally renowned criminology teaching and scholarship to inform policy and practice across systems of justice.

- Created three unique courses in JLC, centering the voices of those impacted by the system, and highlighting systemic racial disparities in the legal system
- Created the departments first course exploring Pre-trial justice, bail reform and plea bargains.
- Used Innovative experiential learning opportunities (a visit to DC jail & a semester-long immersive project) to challenge students to engage with the day-to-day realities of the legal system.
- Consistently receive outstanding student evaluations and won a departmental award for exceptional teaching in 2021.

Criminal Justice Instructor**September 2019 - Present**

The Festival Center DC

The Festival Center is a DC Based community offering education, support and space to artists, organizers, activists, and community leaders to grow themselves and their organizations.

- Taught six, two-hour classes, on the American justice system, examining both key systems (police, courts etc.) and key issues (such as race and violence).
- Hosted and facilitated interactive online class on the history of and future directions for law enforcement and reducing racial oppression in the wake of the BLM protest in 2020.