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## **EDUCATION**

### **University of Colorado Boulder**

Boulder, CO

*MA+ in Education (Instruction & Curriculum), August 2001-May 2003*

### **Georgetown University**

Washington, DC

*Graduate Coursework in English, June 1997-May 1998*

### **Miami University**

Oxford, OH

*BA in Literature and Creative Writing, August 1991- May 1995*

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **University of Colorado Boulder**

Boulder, CO

*Assistant Teaching Professor, Leadership Studies Minor, School of Education, August 2019-present*

*Interim Director, Leadership Studies Minor, School of Education, August 2022-December 2022*

*Program Director, Lafayette Peer Empowerment Project, June 2015-May 2016*

*Founding Public Achievement Director & Instructor, CU Engage - School of Education, July 2014-August 2015*

*Interim Puksta Scholars Director, CU Engage - School of Education, July 2014-January 2015*

*Founding Public Achievement Director, Institute for Ethical and Civic Engagement, August 2010-June 2014*

*Instructor, INVST Community Studies, August 2004-May 2015*

### **Boulder County Public Health**

Boulder, CO

*Program Specialist, Community Substance Abuse Prevention, February 2020-June 2021*

### **City of Lafayette, Lafayette Youth Advisory Commission**

Lafayette, CO

*Founder & Program Director, December 2005-February 2024*

### **Empowerment Center of East County**

Lafayette, CO

*Executive Director, May 2016-October 2018*

### **Naropa University**

Boulder, CO

*Faculty Mentor & Thesis Reader, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, August 2006-December 2011*

*Adjunct Faculty, Community Studies, August 2007-May 2010*

*Interim Director of Community Studies & Core Faculty, July 2006-June 2007*

### **Campus Compact of the Mountain West**

Denver, CO

*Curriculum Consultant, August 2008 -August 2010*

*Co-Founder & Program Director, Access Colorado, June 2007-July 2008*

### **Project YES**

Lafayette, CO

*Program Director, August 2003-June 2006*

**Peak to Peak Charter School**

Lafayette, CO

*Student Teacher, Department of English, August 2002–December 2002***City of Boulder, Parks & Recreation**

Boulder, CO

*Program Leader, June–August 2002 & June–August 2003***U.S. State Department**

Paris, France

*Special Assistant to the Ambassador, June 1999 – January 2001***Corporation for National & Community Service**

Washington, DC

*Contracted Editor, February 2001–May 2001**Publications Specialist, November 1996–May 1999**Public Affairs Coordinator, May 1995–October 1996***Miami University**

Oxford, OH

*Teaching Assistant, Department of English, August 1994–December 1994***TEACHING EXPERIENCE****University of Colorado Boulder**

Boulder, CO

*Instructor, INVST Community Studies & School of Education*

- *LEAD 4000: Leadership in Context and Emerging Challenges (Fall 2019, Fall 2020–present)*
- *LEAD 1000: Becoming a Leader (Spring 2020, Fall 2023, Spring 2024)*
- *EDUC 4840: Exploring Story-Based Strategy – Independent Study (Spring 2021)*
- *EDUC 2919/INVS 2919: Renewing Democracy in Communities and Schools (Fall 2008 – Spring 2015)*
- *INVS 1000: Responding to Social and Environmental Problems through Service Learning (Fall 2004, Fall 2005, Fall 2007–Fall 2011)*
- *INVS 4999: Teaching Social Justice (Spring 2008, Fall 2008, Fall 2010–Spring 2015)*
- *Students as Architects: Building Bridges between Classroom and Community, Professional Development Workshop (Spring 2009, Fall 2009)*

*Teaching Assistant, Community Studies*

- *Pedagogical Approaches to Participatory Service Learning, Professional Development Workshop (April 2006)*
- *Active Learners, Active Citizens: An Introduction to Service-Learning and Curriculum Development, Professional Development Workshop (September 2003, November 2004, October 2005)*
- *Creating Democratic Classrooms through Participatory Service Learning, Professional Development Workshop (April 2005)*

**Naropa University**

Boulder, CO

*Instructor, Community Studies*

- *COR220: Civic Engagement Seminar: The Art of Community Organizing (Fall 2006–Spring 2010)*
- *HUM331–332: Democracy, Education, and Social Change (Fall 2006, Spring 2007)*

- *INTD481: Building Community through Relational Meetings, Independent Study (Spring 2010)*
- *INTD481: Contemplative Service-Learning, Independent Study (Spring 2010)*
- *INTD481: Building Capacity for Change through Service-Learning, Independent Study (Fall 2009)*
- *INTD481-482: Art Education for Social Change, Independent Study (Fall 2008, Spring 2009)*
- *INTD481-482: Service Learning in the Early Years: Early Childhood Education & Curriculum Development, Independent Study (Fall 2007, Spring 2008)*
- *INTD481-481: Building Communities & Leaders: Developing Curriculum for Non-Profits, Independent Study (Fall 2006, Spring 2007)*
- *Cultivating a New Generation of Engaged Citizens, Professional Development Workshop (April 2007)*

## Miami University

Oxford, OH

Teaching Assistant, Department of English

- *The Short Story (Fall 1994)*

## INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

- Invited Presenter, *Community-Based Partnerships through a Public Narrative Framework*, University of Colorado Boulder, October 2024.
- Invited Presenter, CU GOLD Leadership Summit, University of Colorado Boulder, October 2022.
- Invited Presenter, *Co-Creating Community through Youth-Adult Partnerships*, Fourth Annual Shared Risk and Protective Factors Conference, Keystone, CO, May 2020 - CANCELED
- Organizer & Facilitator, Lafayette Youth Action Summit, Lafayette, CO, May 2020
- Invited Presenter, *Going Public: Advocating for Change*, Lafayette Youth Action Summit, Lafayette, CO, June 2019
- Guest Lecturer, *Introduction to Power Mapping*, LEAD 1000, University of Colorado Boulder, March 2019
- Invited Facilitator & Presenter, *Effective Coalition Building*, Healthy Beverage Partnership, Tri-County Public Health, Boulder, CO, February 2018
- Invited Presenter, *Mobilizing Community to Win a Healthy Kids' Meals Campaign*, LiveWell Colorado HEAL Summit, Denver, CO, December 2017
- Invited Presenter, *Lafayette's Choice: Mobilizing Youth to Create Change*, Public Health in the Rockies Conference, Keystone, CO, October 2017
- Invited Presenter, *The Art of Power Mapping*, Annual Puksta Scholars Intercollegiate Retreat, Denver, CO, January 2015
- Facilitator, *Finding and Sustaining Our Why in Public Achievement*, Fourth Annual Colorado Public Achievement Conference, University of Denver, Denver, CO, January 2015
- Invited Panelist, *Closing the Opportunity Gap through Civic Engagement and Grassroots Efforts*, Diversity and Inclusion Summit, Boulder, CO, November 2014
- Organizer and Presenter, Third Annual Colorado Public Achievement Conference, University of Boulder, February 2014
- Invited Presenter, *Public Achievement: An Empowering Pedagogy*, IECE Faculty Luncheon, University of Colorado Boulder, September 2013

- Inviter Presenter, *Developing Community Partnerships*, An Engaged Faculty Institute, University of Colorado Denver (Auroria Campus), Denver, CO, February 2013
- Organizer & Presenter, Second Annual Colorado Public Achievement Conference, University of Colorado Boulder, February 2013
- Invited Presenter/Facilitator, *Service-Learning in Higher Education*, An Engaged Faculty Institute, Naropa University, Boulder, CO, May 2012
- Co-Organizer & Presenter, Colorado Public Achievement Conference, University of Denver, Denver, CO, March 2012
- Invited Presenter, *Building Reciprocal Community Partnerships*, An Engaged Faculty Institute, University of Colorado Denver (Auroria Campus), Denver, CO, February 2012
- Invited Presenter, *An Introduction to Community & School-Based Service Learning*, “I Have a Dream” Foundation, Boulder, CO, March 2011
- Facilitator, BVSD Community Engagement Leadership Forum, Lafayette, CO, February 2011
- Faculty Organizer, Naropa University Day of Service & Learning, Boulder, CO, October 2009
- Invited Presenter, *Theoretical and Practical Approaches to Critical Reflection*, Making it Real: CU Conference on Service Learning, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, October 2009
- Keynote Speaker, *The Promise of Service Learning*, Passing the Torch Conference, Regis University, Denver, CO, August 2009
- Invited Panelists, *Race, Class and Education: Transforming Knowledge into Action*, Chancellor’s Leadership Summit, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, March 2009
- Invited Presenter, *Breaking through Walls: Connecting Service & Learning*, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, October 2008
- Invited Presenter, *From Words to Action: The Power of Assets-Based Dialogue*, State Service-Learning Conference, Denver, CO, May 2008
- Organizer & Facilitator, *RAZE the Machine: Rebuild Democracy*, Colorado Campus Compact Conference, Denver, CO, February 2008
- Faculty Organizer, *Fertile Grounds: Stories of Reproductive Justice*, Naropa University, Boulder, CO, February 2008
- Faculty Organizer, *Coming Home: A Retreat for Survivors of Domestic Assault*, Naropa University, Boulder, CO, December 2007 and December 2008
- Co-Organizer & Facilitator, *Making Our Culture, Our Power: A Latino Youth Summit*, Lafayette, CO, October 2007
- Invited Presenter, *Building P-20 Civic Education Partnerships*, Poudre School District and Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, July 2007
- Invited Presenter, *An Introduction to Public Achievement*, Colorado Conference on Volunteerism and Service Learning, Colorado Springs, CO, February 2007
- Invited Presenter, *Public Achievement: A Regional Response*, Colorado Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools, Denver, CO, January 2007
- Invited Presenter, *Getting Kids on Board: Service Learning and Local Government*, Center for Education in Law and Democracy, Lakewood, CO, December 2006
- Invited Presenter, *Inform and Empower: A Seminar on Homelessness*, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, December 2006
- Faculty Organizer, *Renewing America’s Dream: A Glimpse of the Immigrant Experience*, Naropa

University, Boulder, CO, November 2006

- Invited Presenter, *Building Sustainable Partnerships through Relational Power*, Learn & Serve Director's Meeting, Estes Park, CO, October 2006
- Invited Presenter, *Pedagogical Approaches to Civic-Focused Service Learning*, State Conference on Service Learning, Grand Junction, CO, April 2006
- Invited Presenter, *Applied Assets-Based Community Development: The Lafayette Youth Project*, Regional Campus Compact Conference, Portland, OR, April 2005
- Invited Presenter, *Civic Dialogue: Building Relationships with Schools and Communities*, Service-Learning Institute, Denver, CO, April 2005
- Invited Presenter, *An Introduction to Community Cafes*, Governor's Commission on National and Community Service, Estes Park, October 2004
- Facilitator, *Assets-Based Community Dialogue & the Lafayette Youth Project*, Project YES and Naropa University, Lafayette, CO, April 2004
- Organizer & Facilitator, *French Regional and American Museum Exchange Second Annual Conference*, United States Embassy in France, St. Louis, MO, October 2000
- Organizer, *French-American Business Council: Third Annual Meeting*, United States Embassy in France, New York, NY, June 2000
- Organizer, *Aspen Transatlantic Mayors Summit*, United States Embassy in France, Lyon, France, April 2000
- Organizer, *French Regional and American Museum Exchange: Inaugural Meeting*, United States Embassy in France, Grenoble, France, November, 1999
- Organizer, *Renewing America through Senior Service National Conference*, Corporation for National and Community Service, Washington, DC, June 1998
- Organizer, *President's Summit for America's Future*, Corporation for National and Community Service, Philadelphia, PA, April 1997
- Organizer, *MLK Day of Service*, Corporation for National and Community Service, Washington, DC, January 1996-January 1999

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

- Healthy Communities Award, Boulder County Public Health (October 2024)
- Faculty Appreciation, University of Colorado Men's Basketball (February 2024)
- "Key to the City"/Proclamation Recognizing Two Decades of Service, City of Lafayette (January 2024)
- Mentor Award, Boulder Valley School District Youth Equity Committee (May 2023)
- Marinus Smith Award, University of Colorado Boulder New Student and Family Programs (April 2023)
- "Building Bridges" Second Congressional District Service Award, U.S. Congressman Joe Neguse (November 2022)
- Youth Champion Award, Lafayette Communities That Care (December 2018)
- BoCo Strong Community Resilience Award Nomination, BoCo Strong (September 2016)
- "Pat on the Back" Award, The Community Foundation Serving Boulder County (June 2016)
- Anne Heinz Staff Award for Excellence in Outreach and Engagement, Office for Outreach and Engagement, University of Colorado Boulder (April 2015)

- Award for Outstanding Service to the Community, Alpha Phi Omega – University of Colorado Boulder Chapter (April 2015)
- Women Who Make a Difference Award, University of Colorado Women’s Resource Center (December 2013, December 2011, December 2008)
- Special Congressional Recognition for Service to Community, U.S. Congressman Jared Polis (April 2013)
- Inaugural “Elaina Verveer” Lafayette Youth Leadership Award, Project YES & City of Lafayette (April 2012)
- Colorado Civic Leader of the Year, Governor’s Commission on Community Service (May 2010)
- Volunteer of the Year, City of Lafayette (April 2010)
- Residence Life Academic Teaching Award, University of Colorado (March 2008)
- Special Recognition for Outstanding Contributions to Youth Leadership, City of Lafayette (June 2006)
- Recognition for Outstanding Performance by a Staff Member, Corporation for National & Community Service (April 1999)
- Highest Honors in English, Department of English, Miami University (May 1995)
- Outstanding Service to Miami University Community, Miami University Parents Association (April 1995)

#### **PROGRAM & RESEARCH GRANTS & CONTRACTS**

- City of Lafayette, Community-Based Ethnic Studies Course, University of Colorado Boulder, 2023-2024
- Colorado Department of Public Health & the Environment, Lafayette Communities that Care Re-Application, Boulder County Public Health, 2021-2025
- Thorne Nature Experience, Lafayette Youth Advisory Committee Field Experience, 2019
- Best Buy Foundation, Youth Recording Label, Empowerment Center of East County, 2018
- Chinook Fund, Youth-Led Coalition Building, Empowerment Center of East County, 2018
- Community Trust - Community Foundation Serving Boulder County, Operational Funding, Empowerment Center of East County, 2017-2018
- Sheila Fortune Foundation, Empowerment Center of East County Arts-Based Programs, 2017-2018
- Youth Service America, Youth-Lead Service-Learning, Empowerment Center of East County, 2018
- Youth Service America, Lead Service Agency – Global Youth Service Day, 2018
- Boulder County Health & Human Services, Operational Funding, Empowerment Center of East County, 2016-2018
- City of Lafayette – One Lafayette, Empowerment Center of East County Mentoring & Mental Health Programs, 2016-2018.
- Boulder County Public Health, Communities That Care Sub Award, Empowerment Center of East County, 2016-2018
- City of Lafayette, “Lafayette Peer Empowerment Project,” Empowerment Center of East County, 2016-2018



- Boulder County Public Health, Healthy Beverages Sub Award, Lafayette Youth Advisory Committee, 2016-2018
- City of Lafayette, "Lafayette Peer Empowerment Project," University of Colorado Boulder, 2015-2016
- City of Boulder, Youth Opportunities Advisory Board, University of Colorado's Public Achievement program, 2015
- Community Trust, CU Engage Community-Based Programs, 2014-2015
- CU Boulder Outreach Committee, University of Colorado's Public Achievement program, 2009-2015
- City of Lafayette – One Lafayette, University of Colorado's Public Achievement program, 2012-2015
- Brett Family Foundation, University of Colorado's Public Achievement program, 2013-2015
- World Link, Inc., International Public Achievement Curriculum Development, 2014
- Youth Service America, University of Colorado's Public Achievement program, 2013-2014
- Montana Campus Compact, University of Colorado MLK Day of Service Programming, 2012-2014 and 2016
- Community Foundation Serving Boulder County, University of Colorado's Public Achievement program, 2012-2013
- Institute for Ethical & Civic Engagement, CU-Boulder, Course Modification Development, 2011-2012
- North Carolina Campus Compact, University of Colorado MLK Day of Service Programming, 2010
- City of Boulder's Youth Opportunities Advisory Board, University of Colorado Public Achievement Program Expansion, 2010
- CU Outreach Committee, INVST Community Studies *Students as Architects* Professional Development Series, 2008-2010
- North Carolina Campus Compact, Colorado Campus Compact Statewide MLK Initiatives, 2008-2009
- Corporation for National & Community Service, Colorado Campus Compact Statewide AmeriCorps\*VISTA Program, 2007-2008
- City of Lafayette, Lafayette Youth Advisory Committee Programming, 2007-2009
- Corporation for National & Community Service, Naropa University & Project YES Community-Based Communities Strengthening Colorado Grant, 2004-2007
- Community Foundation Serving Boulder County, Lafayette Youth Advisory Committee Service- Learning Program, 2008
- CU Outreach Committee, INVST Community Studies & Project YES Service-Learning Professional Development Series, 2003-2008
- City of Lafayette, Project YES Service-Learning Programs, 2005-2006
- Foothills United Way, Project YES Elementary School Service-Learning Program, 2005
- State Farm Insurance Companies, Project YES K-12 Service-Learning Programs, 2005
- Sheila Fortune Foundation, Project YES Arts-Based Programs, 2005
- Rose Community Foundation, Project YES K-12 Service-Learning Programs, 2004

- Janus Foundation, Project YES K-12 Service-Learning Programs, 2004
- Colorado Department of Education/Learn & Serve, Project YES K-12 Service-Learning Programs, 2003-2006

### **ACADEMIC INTERVIEWS**

- Boyte, Harry. (2018). *Awakening Democracy through Public Work: Pedagogies of Empowerment*. Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press.
- Boyte, Harry, *When the Last Become First –Young People Making Change*, Huffington Post, March 28, 2017.
- Boyte, Harry, *Pedagogy of the Empowered – Building Bridges*, Education Week, November 23, 2016.
- Boyte, Harry, *Citizenship, Civic Studies, and the Epistemology of Agency*, Tisch College, September 23, 2016.

### **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

- Member, CU Engage Grant Writing Committee – University of Colorado Boulder (2023-present)
- Member, CU Engage Partnership Committee – University of Colorado Boulder (2021-2023)
- Curriculum Lead, Leadership Studies Minor – University of Colorado Boulder (2021-2023)
- Member, Center for Leadership Executive Committee –University of Colorado Boulder (2022)
- Member, National Council of the American Commonwealth Partnership (2012-2019)
- Member, University of Colorado Boulders’ Puksta Scholars Advisory Board (2015-2019)
- Advisor/Mentor, University of Colorado Boulder’s Puksta Scholars Program (2014-2019)
- Faculty Coordinator/Advisor, Student Worker Alliance Program – University of Colorado Boulder (2014-2015)
- Faculty Advisor, Students for Education Reform -University of Colorado Chapter (2013-2015)
- Steering Committee Member, Growing Up Boulder – University of Colorado Boulder (2013-2014)
- Program Advisor, INVST Community Leadership Program SOL Projects (2012-2013)
- Faculty Research Supervisor, University of Colorado Civic Blast Initiative (2010-2011)
- Faculty Advisor, Council for Women at Naropa University (2010)
- Member, University of Colorado Access Colorado Leadership Team (2008-2010)
- Secretary, Naropa University Curriculum and Assessment Faculty Committee (2006-2007)
- Member, Naropa University Faculty Advising Group (2006-2007)

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE & ENGAGEMENT**

- Co-Chair, Executive Committee, Lafayette Communities That Care (2021-present)
- Co-Founder & Strategy Team Lead, Lafayette Communities That Care Community Board (2016-present)
- Lead Organizer, City of Lafayette’s Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. and Cesar Chavez/Human Rights Events (2005-2024)
- Advisor, SALVAMÁS, Denver, CO (2019-2022)



- Co-Founder & Instructor, Lafayette Youth Leadership Corps (2020-2021)
- Member, Diversity, Inclusion & Global Committee, YMCA of Boulder Valley (2018)
- Member, Lafayette Community Engagement Team (2016-2018)
- Public Relations & Communications Coordinator, One Action 2016: Arts + Immigration Project, Motus Theater & Boulder County (2015-2016)
- Advisory Board Member, Second Wind Fund of Boulder County (2012-2014)
- Member, Boulder Valley School District Community Engagement Advisory Board (2010-2012)
- Program Supervisor, Centaurus High School, Lafayette, CO (2010-2011)
- Advisory Board Member, Project YES, Lafayette, CO (2006-2008)
- Advisory Board Member, Yoga World Reach, Boulder, CO (2007-2010)
- Instructor, Senior Independent Study, Peak to Peak Charter School, Lafayette, CO (2007-2008)
- Advisory Board Member, Institute for Intentionally Sustainable Neighborhoods, Boulder, CO (2007-2008)
- Advisory Board Member, Citizens Community Television, Louisville, CO (2006-2007)
- Co-Founder and Director, Lafayette Youth Project, Lafayette, CO (2004-2007)
- Facilitator, Reading to End Racism, Boulder County, CO (2004-2006)
- Advisory Board Member, Kids' Park Lafayette, Lafayette, CO (2003-2007)
- Member, School Improvement Team - Lafayette Elementary School, Lafayette, CO (2003-2005)
- Volunteer, City of Boulder Parks and Recreation – EXPAND Program (2002)
- Language Arts Tutor, American School, Paris, France (1999-2000)
- Co-Organizer, National Volunteer Week, Washington, D.C. (1996-1999)
- Literacy Tutor, Garrison Elementary School, Washington, D.C. (1996-1999)
- Marketing Team Member, PETS-DC (1998-1999)
- Outreach Team Member, AIDSWalk DC (1995-1999)