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Education:

Master of Arts: <i>US History Gender & Sexuality LGBTQ History</i>	Anticipated: Fall 2022
University of Colorado Denver	Denver, Colorado
Master of Arts: <i>Higher Education College Student Development</i>	November 2014
University of Denver	Denver, Colorado
Bachelor of Arts: <i>History Social Studies Secondary Education</i>	December 2009
Colorado State University	Fort Collins, Colorado

Teaching Experience:

Teaching Assistant Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020

University of Colorado Denver, History

Course: HIST 3345 - US Immigration History (Spring 2022)

- 44 undergraduate students
- Online course
- Assisted with grading of weekly postings & working directly with students on their academic & writing skill development.

Course: HIST 3345 - US Immigration History (Fall 2021)

- 43 undergraduate students
- Online course
- Assisted with grading of weekly postings & working directly with students on their academic & writing skill development.

Course: HIST 1400 - Controversies of History (Fall 2020)

- 38 undergraduate students
- Online course
- Assisted with grading of weekly postings

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Summer 2006 - Spring 2007

Colorado State University, History

Course: HIST 100 - US Beginnings to 1865

- 100 undergraduate students
- First year course
- Assisted with grading

Course: HIST 376 - US History 1865-1900

- 30 undergraduate students
- Upper Division course
- Assisted with grading

Course: HIST 377 - US History 1776-1861

- 30 undergraduate students
- Upper Division course
- Assisted with grading

Professional Certifications:

2U, Inc:

Leave of Absence Certificate

March 2022

Advanced Coaching Certificate

January 2021

Foundational Coaching Certificate

July 2020

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Higher Education Professional Experience:

Senior Student Success Advisor

2021 - Present

Student Success Advisor II

2021

Student Success Advisor

2017 - 2021

2U Inc, Student Engagement | Degree Programs

Denver, Colorado

- Academic & Success Coach for 200 Master of Social Work (MSW) students, in partnership with the University of Denver's Graduate School of Social Work (GSSW)
- Development of internal documentation and resources for Advising team in collaboration with campus partner, manager, and other advisors. Development and implementation of Confluence internal portal.
- Expert on University documentation, process, and changes for students and colleagues.
- Develop coaching buddy training for advisors to provide coaching feedback to their peers, connected to career pathing for all advisors in the DU portfolio. Currently leading 10 advisors.
- Onboarding and training of new Student Success Advisors
- Serve as the Visiting Student contact, working with 10-100 students per academic term.
- Serve as Manager when Student Success Manager is not available.

Academic Advisor

2015-2017

University of Colorado Colorado Springs, Academic Advising

Colorado Springs, Colorado

- Advisor & Coach to undergraduate students in Social Sciences & Criminal Justice majors
- Supported university and individual colleges with probation/suspension, honors, graduation processing & student issues
- Maintained a caseload of 1,000 students ensuring students received strong academic support during their undergraduate education.

Admission Counselor | Admission Assistant

2011-2015

University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work

Denver, Colorado

- Assisted 1,000+ applicants annually with their admission process to the Master of Social Work and PhD Programs at GSSW three campuses (Denver, Durango and Glenwood Springs).
- Supervised up to 10 student employees annually
- Assisted with the implementation of the Slate system for the University

Awards:

Morris Price Jr Alumnx Award (finalist);

April 2016

Colorado State University, Gender & Sexuality Office

Staff Achievement Award;

April 2014

University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work, Office of the Dean

"For his work in recruiting students, being the "face" of GSSW, his work on social media on the school's behalf and for his willingness to take on extra duties." Dean Emeritus James Herbert Williams, 2014

Save Haven Award;

April 2014

University of Denver, LGBITQA Services Office

"Recognizing their willingness to serve as a nurturing point of connection for LGBTIQ&A communities"

Nominated by Dr. Thomas Walker, Trish Reid, and Tri Nguyen

Bronze Pin Award for Leadership,

May 2005

University of Northern Colorado

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Publications:

Ota-Wang, N. (2016). University of Denver Q&A: A Model of Safe Zone Training for Multicultural Excellence Offices. *NASPA Knowledge Community Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Research Summary and Compilation White Paper*, Spring 2016.
<https://www.naspa.org/images/uploads/main/2016SPRINGNASPAGLBTKCWhitePaper.pdf>

Ota-Wang, N., Gazdick, R. & Smith, W. (2015). *Staff member's volunteer efforts making an impact*. University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work Magazine. Spring 2015 issue.

Ota-Wang, N. (2014). Blog Series: GSSW Deans and Directors. *University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work Blog*. <https://gsswdenver.wordpress.com/category/gssw-deans-and-directors-series/>

History Guest Lectures

"LGBTQIA2S+ 20th & 21st Century US History"

Fall 2021

SW 614 Social Work Practice with LGBTQIA2S+ Individuals and Communities
University of Michigan

History Conference Poster Sessions, Presentations:

Ota-Wang, N., Anex-Reis, Q., Leffingwell H., Marcello, H., Franco, R(Chair) , (2022) Panel: Localized Postwar Queer Histories: Forging Community Across Urban and Suburban Space, Queer History Conference, 12-15 June 2022

Ota-Wang, N. (2020), The Queen City: Denver's Homophile Organizations 1950-1970, The Tattooed Historian Digital Conference, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HkEuWskZnDs&t=1s>

Ota-Wang, N., Small, Y., Earls, A., Ponzio, A, Chan, S. (Chair), (2019) Panel: Phase, Folly, or Felony?: Sex between Men and Youths in Australia, Japan, Ireland, and Italy, Queer History Conference, 17 June 2019

Ota-Wang, N. (2017) Gender & Sexuality unknown histories, History Camp 2017, 7 October 2017

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Higher Education Conference Poster Sessions, Presentations:

Ota-Wang, N. & Blizzard, S. (2017) Graduate School Game Day, LEAD Conference, Colorado State University, 8 April 2017

Ota-Wang, N. (2015) Google Platform, Work for Success, Colorado I Have a Dream Foundation Metropolitan State University of Denver, 9 May 2015

Mixon-Mitchell, D., **Ota-Wang, N.**, Thompson, M. (2015). If these walls could talk film screening and discussion. Co-Facilitation Flick & Feedback Center for the Multicultural Excellence, University of Denver, 21 April 2015

Ota-Wang, N. (2015). LGBTIQ&A Centers & Offices on college & university campuses. University of Denver Graduate Research and Performance Summit Denver, Colorado, 30 January 2015

Ota-Wang, N. (2015). Student Poster Session: A University LGBTIQ Q&A Program to Improve the Campus Climate American Psychological Associations: The National Multicultural Conference and Summit Atlanta, Georgia, 15 January 2015

Ota-Wang, N. & Rogers, B. (2005) Time Management, IACURCH Conference, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado

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HISTORY & MUSEUM EXPERIENCE

Community Historian & Volunteer, Colorado LGBTQ History Project 2015 - Present
Center on Colfax Denver, Colorado

- Serve on the Matt Kailey Transgender & Gender Diverse History Committee
- Serve on the Tea Shook History Committee (looking at woman who love women in Colorado)
- Assist with oral histories
- Assist with research on LGBTIQ Denver & its past
- Provide historic guidance, suggestions, and support to the Program Coordinator and the Center

Visitor Services Coordinator 2010 - 2011
Denver Firefighters Museum Denver, Colorado

- Trained & supervised five part-time employees, and over 50 active volunteers
- Main contact for all museum operations, and ensure an excellent guest experience
- Served as webmaster for both museum websites (main website and giftstore website)
- Chaired hiring searches for all museum job searches
- Worked with Board of Directors to get policies and procedures updated and changed
- Primary staff person responsible for accuracy of cash, cash register, and gift store stock & sales
- Primary contact for membership opportunities
- Primary contact for Museum Events, and Bookings, including Fundraising opportunities for Museum, in coordination with Executive Director
- Assisted Director with Grant Writing editing and research
- Assisted Chief Curator with museum archive and photo archive. Assisted with research requests when requested by Chief Curator

Membership Services Coordinator 2009-2010
Denver Museum of Nature & Science Denver, Colorado

- Assisted with the supervision of Visitor Experience Specialists
- Provided customer service to all guests
- Daily drawer reconciling and supervision of Cashiers in daily drawer reconciling
- Assist with museum fundraising events.

NON-PROFIT EXPERIENCE – NON HISTORY OR MUSEUM

Co-Chair – Young Professionals Council 2014 – 2015
Colorado I Have a Dream Foundation Denver, Colorado

- Served as inaugural Co-Chair, volunteer role.
- Worked with President & CEO, Vice Presidents, and Directors on connecting Denver's Young Professionals with CIHAD through events, and fundraisers.
- Assisted with the development of a new library for an Elementary School in Denver Public Schools.
- Work with an entire Volunteer Team of Young Professionals serving on council and helping with fundraising events for the non-profit.

Academic Honors & Recognitions:

Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society) 2009 - Present
Mortar Board Honor Society (Senior Honor Society) 2009 - Present
Student Achievement Recognition (Asian Student Services, Colorado State University) 2009

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HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT INTERNSHIP & EMPLOYMENT

- Graduate Intern** – LGBT Office, Center for Multicultural Education 2013 – 2014
University of Denver Denver, Colorado
- Assisted Director with LGBTIQA and Educational Program services around student leadership and programming, unpaid internship.
 - Planned, and implemented the FORWARD (facilitating) program and annual leadership retreat
 - Updated Queer & Ally training program
- Office Assistant**, Housing and Dining Services 2006-2009
Colorado State University Fort Collins, Colorado
- Student Supervisor for Front Desk student staff
 - On-Call duty rotation with 10 other Office Assistants, providing overnight Desk emergency coverage.
 - Worked with students of color, LGBTIQA, International, and students with disabilities.
- Front Desk Clerk**, Housing and Dining Services 2005 –2009
Colorado State University Fort Collins, Colorado
- Customer Service to freshmen and upper classroom residents in a variety of residence halls throughout the campus.
 - Assisted with Fall check-in and Spring check-out of residents, checking keys, filing room inventories.
- Transfer Peer Mentor**, Orientation and Transitions Programs 2007- 2008
Colorado State University Fort Collins, Colorado
- Mentored 11 new transfer students to the University and provide information and resources to help with transition to Colorado State University.
 - Developed and implemented programs and events to help new transfer students become better connected to campus and to other students.
- Career Peer**, Career Services 2004- 2005
University of Northern Colorado Greeley, Colorado
- Data entry (spreadsheets and netWORK) inputting jobs & career fair statistics on a weekly/monthly basis.
 - Provided a customer-oriented and student-centered service at Career Services Front Desk and Career Resource Center information desk.
 - Assisted with testing scheduling, proctoring, and ensuring testing room guidelines are met at all times.

HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP

- Graduate Associate** – Graduate Associate Program (GAP) 2012 – 2013
NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education) Denver, Colorado
- National Undergraduate Fellowship Intern (NUFP Intern)** Summer 2008
Office of New Student Programs, Texas A&M University College Station, Texas
- National Undergraduate Fellow (NUFP)** 2006 – 2009
National Undergraduate Fellowship Program – NASPA Fort Collins, Colorado

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University Leadership & Advising

Co-Founder– Queer & Straight Student Alliance (QSSA)

February 2014- Present

Morgridge College of Education

University of Denver

- Organized, proposed, and implemented QSSA into the Morgridge College of Education through support of two fellow co-founders and the College of Education Student Association as a student organization.
- Drafted initial constitution for organization
- Assisted with marketing including Portfolio website development, Social Media account creation, and creation of email account.
- Assisted leadership team with finding a faculty/staff advisor.

Board Member

February 2014-February 2015

Festival of Nations Denver, Colorado

University of Denver

- Assist with marketing of event
- Social Media contact, poster, and advocate for the festival to the Denver & University Of Denver Community.

Staff Advisor – Queer Equality Alliance (QEA)

2014-2015

Graduate School of Social Work

University of Denver

- Provide support and resources when needed & requested.
- Work with Graduate Student Association (GSA) student leaders in programming & development of new and recurring programs within the school.

Vice President

2013- 2014

COESA (College of Education Student Association) Denver, Colorado

Morgridge College of Education

University of Denver

- Oversee COESA officers (Treasurer, Historian, and Secretary)
- Assist with approving funding requests as submitted by current graduate students
- Serve as representative for the college when President is not available
- Assist with planning community building programs within the college (Donuts with the Dean, COESA annual welcome)
- Coordinate the implementation of new student organizations within the college.
- Representative to the Higher Education Student Association (HESA)

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Internships, Fellowships and Professional Associations

Region IV-West Asian Pacific Islander Knowledge Community Liaison 2014-2016
NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education)

Graduate Intern – Educational Programs & LGBTIQA Services 2013
Center for Multicultural Excellence Denver, Colorado

University of Denver

- Assisted the Director of Educational Programs & LGBTIQA Services with student leadership and program initiatives within the Center for Multicultural Excellence.
- Assisted with the planning, logistics, and implementation of the FORWARD (former TOTS) annual leadership retreat.
- Updated the Queer & Ally (Q&A) program offered through the LGBTIQA Services office including updating program materials/handouts, as well the overall training program.
- Helped coordinate & track FORWARD facilitators are meeting their requirements throughout the school year.

Graduate Associate – Graduate Associate Program (GAP) 2012 – 2013

NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education) Denver, Colorado

Department of Higher Education, Morgridge College of Education

University of Denver

- Served as a primary contact for students seeking information on how to get involved with NASPA
- Provided NASPA with feedback on what programs and services students need from NASPA through monthly conference calls with Graduate Associates from other campuses and the NASPA office.
- Actively outreached to student and professionals who are not members of NASPA.
- Promoted NASPA upcoming events and publicize NASPA announcements to the campus community, including programming for Careers In Student Affairs Month and hosting a Student Affairs social.

National Undergraduate Fellowship Intern (NUFP Intern) Summer 2008

Office of New Student Programs College Station, Texas

Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs

Division of Student Affairs

Texas A&M University

- Worked with NODA (National Orientation Directors Association) Intern, and New Student Programs office staff on Aggieland welcoming of students to Texas A&M University.
- Researched and contact various Universities on Orientation schedules, and Resource Handbooks.
- Made recommendation of ideas on how to update the schedule and materials for the New Student Programs Office schedule and New Student Handbook.
- Assisted with program preparation for the Women's Resource Office programs.
- Meetings with various University Directors, Vice Presidents, and Student Life Coordinators on their background and professional journey into the field of Student Affairs and Higher Education.

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University & Higher Education Committees

- President's Diversity Awards Committee, UCCS representative, CU System 2016 – 2017
- Professional Development Committee, Division of Student Success 2016 – 2017
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
- Pride Committee, University of Colorado Colorado Springs 2016 – 2017
- Pride Committee, University of Colorado System 2016 – 2017
- Operations Committee, Academic Advising, 2016 – 2017
University of Colorado Colorado Springs
- Board Member 2016 – 2017
Center for the Advancement of Social Equity & Inclusion Matrix Center, University of Colorado
Colorado Springs COLEADS (Colorado Leadership for Equity, Advocacy, and Discovering Social
Justice)
- Planning Committee & Assessment Chair, University of Denver 2015
- Program Proposal Reviewer - Higher Education Diversity Summit, Denver, Colorado 2015
- Co-Chair – LGBTQA Services Advisory Group, University of Denver 2015
- Slate Implementation Graduate Team, University of Denver 2014 – 2015
- Education and Program Development Committee, 2014 - 2015
- LGBT Resource Officers Consortium Graduate Fair Planning Committee, University of Denver
2011 – 2015
- Admissions Work Group, University of Denver 2011 – 2015
- DUCARO Committee, University of Denver 2011 – 2015
(DU Committee of Admission and Recruitment Officers)
- Staff Advisory Council, University of Denver 2012 – 2014
- Student Fee Advisory Board, Colorado State University 2008 - 2009
- Technology Fee Advisory Board, Colorado State University 2008 – 2009
- RAM Welcome Planning Committee, Colorado State University 2006 – 2009
- NUFP Program Committee, Colorado State University 2006 – 2009
- IACURH Conference Planning Committee, University of Northern Colorado 2005

Skills:

Google Workspace (Google Docs, Gmail)
Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Office365) Software
Banner
Confluence
CU-SIS (PeopleSoft)
Canvas
Atrio