

Julia Roundtree Livingston

DEI Manager

Skills

Project Management
Social Media
Collaborative Instructor
Writer
Researcher
Effective Communicator
Creative Idea Developer
Outcomes Driven
Develop & Track Reports
Planning
Curriculum Creator
Presenter
Relationship Builder

Education

PhD (ABD)—African American
Lit/US Lit Since 1865
Florida State University, 2004-08
MA—English: Multicultural Lit
Southern Illinois University-
Carbondale, 2004
BA—English: Professional
Writing
Southern Illinois University-
Carbondale, 2002

Professional Profile

An extremely dedicated DEI professional with experience in teaching at the college level, non-profit leadership, and creating community partnerships. Seeking to continue building relationships within the legal profession geared towards DEI progress across the state of Illinois.

Experience in Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

January 2023 – Current

DEI Manager • Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism •
Chicago, IL

Provide leadership and advocacy aligned with the Commission's mission, with a specific focus on all aspects of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Promote and educate lawyers and judges on the values of diversity of thought, perspective, experience, and people, while demonstrating a commitment to advancing a culture of inclusion and respect in the legal profession. Present DEI CLEs to law firms, legal organizations, bar associations, legal events. Create DEI content via social media as a thought leader in diversity, equity, and inclusion. Write blogs and news items related to DEI in the legal profession.

Experience in Education

August 2008 – May 2012

College Instructor • University of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana

August 2008 – May 2012

College Instructor • Richland Community College • Decatur, IL

August 2004 – May 2006

College Instructor • Florida State University • Tallahassee, FL

August 2002 – May 2004

College Instructor • Southern Illinois University • Carbondale, IL

Design and organize courses, prepare lesson plans, essay prompts, and exams, lead discussions, mediate student-peer workshops, conference with students on the writing process, foster critical thinking and comprehensive reading skills, and classroom management.

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Experience in Project Management

August 2017 – Present

Executive Director • Macon County CASA • Decatur, IL

Manage all operations of a non-profit, create and maintain community partnerships, educate staff and volunteers on court protocol, procedures and CASA's role, share CASA's mission and work in community presentations with groups, companies, and more, write and develop all non-profit advertising, print materials, and social media posts, represent CASA at the state level in a variety of DEI and funding task forces, work within the larger state CASA network to lead CASA DEI initiatives in local programs, work with court officials to create and revise MOUs, evaluate CASA's work to the courts, evaluate deadlines and relationships, manage 15 CASA employees and 200 CASA volunteers, grew CASA's revenue budget by over \$650,000 in 6 years, expanded CASA's services into a neighboring county (DeWitt County), grew the number of volunteers by over 120 new volunteers, grew the number of foster children assigned and advocated for by CASA by over 200 children; works within self-imposed and Board of Directors-imposed deadlines; variety of tasks completed daily with precision, professionalism, and promptness.

August 2016 – August 2017

Director of Development • Macon County CASA • Decatur, IL

Develop and implement a strategic plan to raise vital funds for organization in a cost-effective and time-efficient manner, research and compose grant applications, seek and develop relationship with past, current and new organization donors, promote organization events, fundraisers, programs, contests, and more via multi-media sources (i.e. press releases, newspaper, television and radio interviews, Facebook posts and event pages, emails, phone calls, in person conversations, presentations, etc.).

January 2014 – July 2016

Director of Development • Baby TALK • Decatur, IL

Develop and implement a strategic plan to raise vital funds for organization in a cost-effective and time-efficient manner, seek and develop relationships with past, current, and new organization donors, create and execute successful, well-attended, and financially prosperous community events,

create relationships for organization with many key community members, oversee, assign, and evaluate tasks of development manager, and more.

Experience in Strategic Partnerships

- DDELT (Diversity & Education Leadership Team), Maroa-Forsyth School District
- Crossroads Antiracism Organizing & Training
- St. Teresa High School DEI consultant
- SJR47 State of Illinois CASA/CAC Task Force
- CWEC (Child Welfare Advisory Committee) Racial Equity Committee
- Illinois CASA Equity Task Force Committee
- Founder of Discourse on Racial Difference: A Macon County IL Book Club (over 600 members statewide)

References

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