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EXPERIENCE

- SMU Dedman School of Law**, Office of Career Services Dallas, TX
Director – Judicial Internships, Externships & Clerkships, October 2022 – Present
Senior Associate Director, January 2022 – September 2022
Associate Director – Recruiting and Events, June 2018 – December 2021
Assistant Director—Recruiting and Events, January 2014—May 2018
- Texas Christian University**, Career Services Office Fort Worth, TX
Career Advisor, September 2011—January 2014
- The University of Mississippi**, Career Center University, MS
Graduate Assistant for Internships, August 2009 – May 2011

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

National Association for Law Placement (NALP)

- *Co-Chair*, Disability and Neurodiversity Inclusion Work Group, DEI Section, 2024-2025
- *Co-Author*, *Why You Should Attend the NALP Annual Education Conference*, NALP Bulletin+, December 2024
- *Panelist*, *Bookmarked: Narratives of Disability and Neurodiversity Webinar*, NALP Webinar, November 2024
- *Southeast Representative*, Nominating Committee, 2023-2024
- *Co-Chair; Member*, Neurodiversity Task Force, 2022 – 2023; 2021 – 2022
- *Presenter*, *Small Adjustments; Big Impact: Supporting Neurodiversity in Recruiting and Advising*, 2023 Annual Education Conference, Vancouver, Canada
- *Panelist*, *Submitting a Successful NALP Conference RFP*, NALP Member Webinar, January 2023
- *Co-Author*, *10 Tips for Supporting Neurodiversity in Recruiting*, NALP Bulletin+, December 2022
- *Co-Moderator*, *Great Minds Think Differently: Neurodiversity for Lawyers and Other Professionals, A Conversation with Haley Moss*, NALP Member Webinar, October 2022
- *Presenter*, *“Neurodiversity in Legal Hiring from A(dvising) to (Gen)Z,”* 2022 Annual Education Conference, New Orleans, LA
- *Co-Facilitator*, *Neurodiversity Discussion*, NALP Member Webinar, April 2022
- JD Career Advisors Section, *Section Chair*, 2020 – 2021
- *Author*, *Using NALP’s Sexual Harassment and Recruiting Conduct Guide: Considerations for Legal Employers and Law Schools*, NALP Bulletin, June 2020
- *Co-Chair*, Preventing Sexual Harassment in Recruiting Conduct Work Group, 2018-2020, Created NALP’s Sexual Harassment and Recruiting Conduct Guide
- *Presentation Selected*, *You Can’t Meme This! Effectively Engaging Gen Z Law Students*, 2020 NALP Annual Education Conference (not presented due to pandemic)
- *Chair*, Ask the Experts Webinar Series Work Group, Newer Professionals Section, 2017 – 2018
- *Liaison to Experienced Professionals*, Q&A with Experienced Professional Work Group, Newer Professionals Section, 2017 – 2019

Sunbelt Diversity Recruitment Program, *Employer Registrar*, 2018-Present, 2015

Southeastern Minority Job Fair (SEMJF), *Secretary*, 2022-2023; *Employer Registrar*, 2016 – 2017

EDUCATION

- The University of Mississippi** University, MS
Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration/Student Personnel, May 2011
Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, in Journalism, May 2009

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

I am excited for the opportunity to represent the Southeast Region as a Conference Planning Coordinator. NALP has been a cornerstone of my professional development since joining the organization eleven years ago. This year, I serve as co-chair of the Disability and Neurodiversity Work group. Previously, I was co-chair of the Neurodiversity Task Force, the Section Chair for the JD Career Advisors Section, and I have served in other vice-chair roles among work groups. As a Director of Career Services at SMU Dedman School of Law, I advise JD students and oversee the school’s judicial clerkship program. I am organized, efficient, detail-oriented, and reliable. I enjoy working with others and learning from them. Serving as a Conference Planning Coordinator would allow me to give back while using my strengths doing something I really enjoy. Thank you for your consideration.