

Sammie Walker

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Education

Slippery Rock University (SRU) Slippery Rock, PA
Master of Arts in Student Affairs in Higher Education May 2018
CACREP Counseling Accreditation | 700+ Supervised Fieldwork Hours | GPA: 4.00/4.00

Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) Pittsburgh, PA
Dual Degree, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology; Bachelor of Arts in Hispanic Studies May 2016
Minor in Business Administration | Graduated with University Honors | GPA: 3.61/4.00

Universidad de Alcalá de Henares (UAH) - 12 Credits Alcalá de Henares, Spain
Study abroad with a focus in Spanish Language & Culture with immersion homestay June-July 2013

Graduate and Undergraduate Experience

Graduate Intern — Washington & Jefferson College (W&J) Student Life Nov 2017-Present

- Benchmark on-campus work-study policies of various institutions to update current processes and collaborate with Financial Aid and Career Services to better engage student employees in professionalized work experiences
- Assist the Vice President of Student Affairs in the creation and implementation of staff diversity trainings

Graduate Assistant — SRU Office for Inclusive Excellence Aug 2016-Present

- Supervise 10 Mentors in bi-weekly one-on-ones, recording their progress and advocating for first-year retention
- Advise the SRU Student Veterans of American chapter, providing support for annual events and new initiatives (Advised the SRU Student Organization of Latinos, Hispanics, and Allies during first year)
- Coordinate office social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) to promote office programs and resources
- Create assessments to evaluate Veteran's Center offerings, first-year seminar presentations, and student learning
- Served on Search Committee for Assistant Director position, reviewing candidate materials for role

Graduate Intern — NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education May-July 2017

- Assisted with the planning, implementation, and evaluation of national-level conferences, institutes, and online professional development for members at various career levels, including website and mobile application updates
- Developed workshops for 6 undergraduate and high school interns regarding workplace norms and skills
- Themed qualitative data for the 2016 NASPA Foundation Survey to understand donor preferences and patterns
- Coordinated content and webinar for annual 'Careers in Student Affairs Month' social media campaign
- Staffed the joint 2017 Closing the Achievement Gap & 2017 Symposium on Collegiate Financial Well-Being conferences, liaising for keynote speakers and assisting with on-site logistics such as assembling materials
- Wrote and scheduled posts for @NASPAInterns Twitter account, communicating latest updates to new members

Career Peer Mentor — CMU Career and Professional Development Center March 2013-May 2016

- Led weekly team meetings to review program effectiveness, discuss and set goals, and train on career resources such as GoinGlobal, InterviewStream, MBTI, Strong Interest Inventory (SII), Vault, Symplicity, and Handshake
- Conducted monthly one-on-one meetings with 11 mentors to ascertain their professional and personal growth
- Presented to and advised first-years in residence halls about resources to promote early career exploration
- Facilitated individualized counseling appointments through trained knowledge of career advising strategies

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Leadership and Volunteer Experience

- Volunteer — ‘Learning to Serve’ International Alternative Break** Sept 2017-Present
- Serve local communities in education-based service in Cochabamba, Bolivia for two weeks during January 2018 and participate in homestay living with local family; program hosted by Amizade Global Service-Learning
- President — SRU Student Affairs Graduate Association (SAGA)** Feb 2016-Present
- Led the development of first annual ‘Higher Education Leadership Conference’ at SRU, coordinating six sessions during a four-hour day of professional development attended by 35 undergraduate and graduate students
 - Organize 7 general body meetings during academic year, hosting discussions on Charlottesville and Title IX and arranging speakers who addressed topics such as grant writing, diversity, academic advising, and masculinity
 - Manage social media for organization, coordinating Twitter and Instagram posts to keep current members, prospective students, and alumni informed of initiatives
- Graduate Associate — NASPA - Graduate Associate Program (GAP)** Sept 2016-May 2017
- Planned and executed four outreach events to cohort members on topics such as networking and conference preparation, with goal of recruiting peers and colleagues into the largest student affairs professional organization
 - Served as the 2017 NASPA Annual Conference Intern for Constituent Leadership in San Antonio, TX
- College Student Relations Fellow — Hispanic Scholarship Fund** June 2016
- Co-led 25 mentors, 12 alumni, and 150 students during a four-day conference for high-achieving Hispanic high school students on applying to selective universities and scholarships hosted at the University of Pennsylvania
 - Hosted nightly debriefings with volunteer staff to prepare for next day events and reflect on student experiences
- Teacher — ‘How to Get a Job’ Credited Course, Student Teaching Practicum** Jan 2014-May 2016
- Led a weekly 80-minute combination lecture & one-on-one career counseling appointment styled course, worth 3 units of credit to a class of 15 undergraduate and graduate level students
 - Covered topics such as how to refine resumes and cover letters, interview, network, and contact references

Research and Presentations

- Moral Reasoning Research - SRU Department of Counseling and Development** Sept 2017-Present
- Score Moral Development Interview responses from undergraduate students enrolled in ‘Human Development’ course under direction of Dr. Michael Ignelzi; estimated n=600
 - Compare Fall 2017 responses with data from 1998-2000 as part of a longitudinal, qualitative study
- How to Get into College (Again): Applying for Graduate School Like a Pro** Nov 2016
- Presented on applying to graduate school, including understanding interests, choosing programs, preparing for exams, writing personal statements, and interviewing

Activities

Alpha Chi Omega Fraternity Alumna | NASPA Candid Conversations 365 Mentee
#SAGrad Twitter Moderation Team | ACPA, PennACE, & Young Nonprofit Professionals Network (PGH)

Skills

Advanced Spanish | LGBTQ+ Safe Zone Trained | QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Trained

Honors

International Baccalaureate Diploma | Tartans Abroad Scholarship | Order of Omega Greek Honor Society
Hispanic Scholarship Fund Award (’15, ’16, ’17) | CMU Senior Leadership Recognition