

IVA SKILLSET

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EDUCATION

- St. Olaf College**, Northfield, MN Graduation: May 2012
Bachelor of Arts in **Social Work and Religion** Cumulative GPA: **3.71**
Honors: St. Olaf Honors Recognition (2010-present)
Theta Alpha Kappa National Honor Society for academic achievement in religious and theological studies
- Study Abroad: Islam's Emphasis on Development and Community: Bangladesh (January 2012)
Religion and Cultural Diversity: South Africa (January 2011)
Sustainable Development and Social Change: Guatemala, El Salvador, and Nicaragua (Spring 2010)

QUALIFICATIONS

HUMAN RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATION

- **Social Work Intern** District One Hospital; Faribault, MN Fall 2011
Worked as a member of an interdisciplinary health care team. Completed social work duties for the patient and family unit across the lifespan from birth to geriatrics in the inpatient and outpatient setting. Assisted in coordination of language interpreters and participated in hospital committees.
- **Camp Counselor/Volunteer** Castaway Camp; Detroit Lakes, MN Summers 2006 & 2009/Fall 2006-2011
Counseled junior high and high school campers in a nondenominational Christian outreach setting. Volunteered on weekends as part of the work crew team that serves the campers.
- **Nursing Home Volunteer** Three Links Care Center; Northfield, MN Fall 2010
Built relationships with residents through weekly visits.
- **Affordable Housing Advocate** Habitat for Humanity; Minnesota & Nicaragua Fall 2008, Spring 2010
Fundraised in Northfield, MN and assisted a local carpentry team in building a house in Leon Nicaragua.

LEADERSHIP

- **Student Representative** St. Olaf Social Work Department; Northfield, MN Spring 2011
Attended weekly faculty meetings as the representative of students majoring in Social Work. Reported on students' concerns and provided feedback of the weekly minutes to the majors via email.
- **Kids' Club Coordinator** YouthWorks!; Pyramid Lake Reservation, NV Summer 2009
Created a daily program for children ages 4 through 12 including, crafts, songs, Bible stories, and games. Led a program that stimulated interaction between youth group members and Paiute children. Empowered the youth to build meaningful relationships. Planned and made meals, led praise and worship.

ORGANIZATION/PLANNING

- **Club Director** Young Life; Bismarck, ND and Northfield, MN Fall 2006-Present
Create and direct a local section of Young Life, a non-profit organization committed to providing creative fun for youth within a Christian setting. Organize a parent committee, formulate links with regional clubs, engage community youth, and assist in fundraising for the Northfield program. Facilitate a Bible study. Give talks, plan games, lead singing, perform contact work, and mentor youth in both locations.
- **Program Coordinator** Camp Knutson; Crosslake, MN Summers 2010, 2011
Planned and led programs such as carnivals, theme parties, and outdoor games for campers with special needs (Down's syndrome, autism, cardiac disorders, skin disorders, deaf and hard of hearing, and HIV/AIDS). Hired through Lutheran Social Services as Waterfront Coordinator and Program Specialist.
- **Researcher** Familias en Accion; Northfield, MN Spring 2011
Conducted research for Familias en Accion, an organization working to assist Latino families in Northfield through support services and accessible information. Used intermediate Spanish-speaking abilities gained through coursework and abroad experience while carrying out surveys.