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- Extroverted, eloquent, outspoken activist with medical and engineering background
- Seeking new challenges in public service, writing, communication, human rights, and social justice
- Geographically flexible and prepared to be mobile as required

Experience

- LGBTQ Advocate, Educator, and Freelance Writer** 2012 – Present
- Freelance writer and influencer on trans identity for mainstream audiences published by *The Guardian*, *HuffPost*, *Refinery29*, *The Advocate*, *NBC OUT*, and others; profiled by *NY Times: Women in the World*
 - Featured in *Refinery29* mini-documentary *What Being Trans is Really Like*, a go-to introductory video
 - Guest panelist and multiple-visit interviewee discussing gender identity politics and allyship in national headlines with *Melissa Harris-Perry on MSNBC* and on *Fox (WNYW) News Good Day New York*
 - Public speaker and panelist sought out by military bases, colleges, high schools, fandom conventions, synagogues, churches, and community centers to teach personal and medical aspects of transitioning
- Israel Advocacy, Jewish Community Organizing, and Lay Leadership** 2003 – Present
- Panelist and Israel missions fellow with *American Israel Public Affairs Committee* and *A Wider Bridge*
 - Led three 2015-2017 Birthright Israel delegations for groups of 40+ young adults, working as part of small staff teams managing pre-trip logistics, the 10-day experience itself, and post-trip engagement
 - Team Leader, March 2016, *NECHAMA: Jewish Response to Disaster in Wimberley, TX*; supervised three sessions of college students on alternative spring break weeks to rebuild flood-damaged homes
 - Organizing committee member, 2014-2015, *Shir HaMaalot Brooklyn*, a young adult lay-led community; leadership involvement in multiple additional congregations leading volunteers and event planning
 - Volunteer leader with *Jewish Queer Youth*, a non-profit that supports queer-identified teens and adults
- Volunteer, American Red Cross, Hurricane Harvey – Houston & Austin, TX** Aug – Sept 2017
- Comforted evacuee families in shelters in English and Spanish; supervised kids with clowning, games
 - Built and taught use of cloud-based spreadsheets for staff scheduling, visualizing shelter occupancies
- Statewide LGBTQ Organizer, NC Democratic Party – Raleigh & Charlotte, NC** Aug – Nov 2016
- Built and managed community-based volunteer teams to register voters and maximize election turnout
 - Represented the campaign at non-profits, community gatherings, and businesses to interact with voters, to build and bolster lasting relationships with the prospective administration and its candidates
 - Field organizer responsible for suburban turfs; quickly promoted to constituency-based organizing role
- Volunteer Coordinator, Trans Lifeline – Chicago, IL (Working Remotely)** 2014 – 2015
- Managed and trained 100 volunteer operators for a listening hotline, wrote custom training materials
- Research Engineer, Graybiel Lab, Brandeis University – Waltham, MA** 2009 – 2011
- Conducted non-invasive motor control and spatial perception research on volunteering participants, including supervision responsibilities over multi-day in-residence studies, as a full-time lab staff position
 - Completed a year-long project to construct and manage a database of experimental results collected from a multi-night motion sickness study, programmed code to assist in analyzing and plotting datasets

Education

- Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine Doctoral Program – New York, NY** 1.5 Years completed
- Emergency Medical Technician, *Hillsdale Volunteer Ambulance Service – Hillsdale, NJ* (2009)
- Boston University BS in Biomedical Engineering – Boston, MA** 2008
- 1.5 years of full-time engineering co-op and internship experience in medical device development and clinical research with three companies, including four months employed overseas in *Caesarea, Israel*
 - Study Abroad Semester, *Technische Universitaet Dresden, Germany* (2005)