

Tabitha Payne

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EDUCATION

Brown University, B.A. in Development Studies (focus on Southeast Asia), 3.7GPA Providence, RI, Class of 2020

Currently undertaking honors ethnographic thesis fieldwork on the policing and incarceration of LGBTQI Cambodians

Winner of LINK Award (2017), Development Studies Research Grant (2019), Cogut Fellowship (2019)

International School of Phnom Penh, High School Diploma Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Class of 2015

International Baccalaureate (44/45 pts, 98th percentile), Valedictorian, Presidential Award for Academic Excellence, Leadership Award

WORK EXPERIENCE

Brown University Watson Institute, Student Research Assistant Providence, RI, Oct 2018 – Present

- Assist Professor Patsy Lewis on research and course planning on the Caribbean and Pacific, to do with the social effects of development, climate change, and free trade agreements on small states

Petey Greene Program, Teaching Assistant Cranston, RI, Sep 2018 – Present

- Assistant teach a Community College of Rhode Island course on African American history to a class of 25 incarcerated students every week in the John J. Moran Medium Security Correctional Facility

World Hope International, LGBT Research Intern Phnom Penh, Cambodia, June – Sep 2017

- Conducted a self-led research project on LGBT employment discrimination in Cambodia, which included desk research and interviews with local LGBT activists, professionals, and business owners
- Wrote grant applications for NGO's proposal to provide vocational support for low-income transgender women

Brown Center for Students of Color, Minority Peer Counselor Providence, RI, Aug 2016 – May 2017

- Organized community events, mentored students, mediated student conflicts, and oversaw dorm community as a live-in residential assistant to 65 freshmen, with focused support for students of color
- Developed and led workshops for the Providence community on classism and gendered labor discrimination, in teams of 4 to audiences of 50 to 100 people

Sommerschule Wust, Summer School English and Arts Teacher Wust, Germany, Jul 2016 – Aug 2016

- Taught English and drama to youth at in a rural town of 800 and lived with a non-English speaking host family

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Development Studies Department of Undergraduates, Leader Providence, RI, Sep 2018 – Present

- Organize community-building events for students in the concentration

Southeast Asian Studies Initiative, Founding and Executive Board Member Providence, RI, Jan 2017 – Present

- Lobby, plan events, and communicate with school administration to work towards goal of increasing Southeast Asian academic representation at Brown, where there are currently no scholars studying the region

Providence Youth Student Movement Providence, RI, Sep 2018 – Present

- Organized a teach-in, and fundraised for issues around Southeast Asian American deportation in Rhode Island
- Co-founded and successfully lobbied for funds for a weekly Southeast Asian youth community healing project

Yoga and Mindfulness at Brown, Weekly Yoga Teacher Providence, RI, Sep 2018 – Present

Various Student Newspapers, Contributing Creative Writer Providence, RI, Sep 2015 – Present

Various Theatre Organizations, Actress and Designer for 12+ shows Various Locations, Jan 2008 – Present

Women of Color Wednesdays, Founder and Organizer of weekly meetup event Providence, RI, Oct 2016 – May 2017

Out of Bounds Sketch Comedy Performance Group, Head Writer, Performer Providence, RI, Sep 2015 – May 2017

SKILLS

Skills: Grant writing, desk research, cross-cultural literacy and sensitivity, interviewing, workshop development, strong writing skills, community organizing, event planning, teaching skills, childcare, customer service, functions well in high-risk environments, conflict mediation skills, Microsoft Office, Google Apps, Adobe Photoshop, audio recording

Languages: native English, advanced Spanish, intermediate German (High and Swiss), Tagalog, and Khmer