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Education:

- MSc. Neuroscience - Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Trondheim, Norway (Aug. 2017 – June 2019)
- B.Sc. Psychology - The University of the West Indies (UWI), Kingston, Jamaica (Aug. 2010 – May 2013)

Research interest:

- I have spent one and a half years of learning theoretical and practical techniques in the field of network neuroscience following my research interest.
- I would love to advance my understanding of the dynamics of *in vitro* neural networks further, through Ph.D. study with the Translational and Regenerative Neuroscience Group.

Research experience:

- *Laboratory research.* Through my master's degree project supervised by Dr. Ioanna Sandvig, I gained knowledge of laboratory aseptic techniques, immunocytochemistry, microscopy, *in vitro* transfection with electroporation, and assessment of electrophysiological data obtained from *in vitro* neural networks on microelectrode arrays.
- *Presenting.* I have presented a poster of my master's project to academic experts at the 3rd Nordic Neuroscience Meeting 2019 in Helsinki, Finland.

Work experiences :

Jan. 2017 - Aug. 2017 - Toyama, Japan

Volunteer with kids with learning disabilities (Aoi-Mushi)

- Adapted education content through tailored lesson plans to accommodate a variety of learners.
- Organized creative and interactive learning activities for both children & parents.
- Volunteered at sporting activities and camping trips.
- Supervised children in various learning environments both in the classroom and outdoors.
- Organized a fun scavenger hunt and BBQ for the kids and their parents.

May 2016 - Aug. 2017 - Toyama, Japan

Social Events Coordinator for the Association for Japan Exchange and Teaching (AJET)

- Planned activities that bring the ALT and Japanese community together such as welcome parties, dinners, picnics, beach events in summer, Halloween party, Christmas party and winter formal.
- Co-planned a two-day barbeque and camping event in the mountains for over 50 people.
- Collaborated with AJET Charity in order to raise funds for the Japan Red Cross.

Apr. 2015 – Aug. 2017 - Toyama, Japan

Assistant Language Teacher (ALT)

- Provided English language instructions via communication and grammar classes to school children.
- Volunteered in leading summer camp activities as well as sporting activities.
- Volunteered time to read books in English to children at the local library.
- Assisted at orientation seminars held by the prefectural board of education for new ALTs.

Oct. 2014 - Feb. 2015- Florida, USA

Volunteered with teens with developmental disabilities

- Exchanged service for accommodation and meals.
- Organized a mini dance workshop for the kids.
- Co-organized tours around the city, a Halloween party as well as a Christmas dinner for the teens.
- Helped host with general housekeeping and helped with daily meal preparations.
- Developed exceptional relationships with both host, and the teens and their parents.

April 2014 - Oct. 2014 - Toronto, Canada

Volunteer at a Canadian Backpackers Inn

- Exchanged services for accommodation and meals
- Helped with handling check-ins/ check-outs of hostel guests.
- Helped with general administration and supervision of hostel housekeeping and facility upkeep.
- Co-organized nightly leisure activities such as pub crawl and barbeques at the hostel.

Dec. 2013 - June 2015 - Online Business

Entrepreneur of own freelance writing business

- Provided entertaining and informative content for the website on the psychology of interpersonal relationships.
- Created articles for bloggers based on specific blog topics.
- Produced two to three commissioned short e-book fictions per month as a ghost-writer.
- Developed a great rapport with regular clients who often suggested referrals.

May. 2013 - Oct. 2013 - Colorado, USA

Assistant Manager, Rustic Cafe, YMCA

- Managed a team of seven and tasked with creating daily work schedules for the team.
- Tasked with training new summer staffs who were students from different parts of the world.
- Assisted with the smooth running of the cafe in terms of managing /ordering inventory and handling money.
- Remain proactive in daily affairs in order to address requests, demands and basic concerns of both customers and employees.
- Maintained good working relationship among staff by implementing weekly movie nights.
- General management of cafe cleanliness and upkeep of cafe equipment.

Sept. 2012 – May. 2013 - Kingston, Jamaica

Intern at a Drug Rehabilitation Centre

- Facilitated group discussions about triggers for substance abuse and the best course of actions to combat the need to use these substances.
- Helped patients create realistic goals for behavior change and steps to achieve them.
- Conducted a case study on a middle-aged male who had crack-cocaine addiction. Gathered data through unstructured interviews and observation to write a report.

Sept. 2010 - May 2013 - Kingston, Jamaica

Part-Time Clerical & Research Assistant to the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at UWI

- Helped organized and oversaw a five-day psychology conference for the department.
- Helped organized logistics such as reserving venues, booking speakers and event advertising.
- Collaborated with a team of 5 to organize and oversee the faculty's three-day Cross-Campus Conference.

- Managed the Dean's correspondence and schedule.
- Conducted online database searches as well as proofread, edited and filed pertinent information
- Analyzed research findings for report generation.
- Proofread, edited, and filed pertinent information.

Other skills:

- *Leadership experience:* President of the Social Organization for Master's Students at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, NTNU (2017-2018).
- *Administration skills:* Deputy to the class representative for the Neuroscience class 2017-2018.
- *Languages:* English (native), Japanese (conversational), Norwegian (learning)