

SAM CASANOVA



RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Advanced Sexual Health Educator–Planned Parenthood, Rocky Mountains

Sept 2021-Present

- Primarily facilitates virtual and in-person instruction to Colorado students in grades 5-12 around reproductive and sexual health topics including: puberty, relationships, consent, contraception, and anatomy
- Supports the short-term revision task force with revising sexual health curriculum and content to be more expansive and culturally competent
- Engages with community partners and youth serving adults around collaborative opportunities/trainings to amplify sexual health resources and services in the greater Denver-Metro area

Part-Time Literacy Instructor –TRIO Upward Bound (Front Range)

Apr 2018-Present

- Leads the Literacy department in developing and facilitating socially-relevant and standard-based curriculum for first-generation college-bound students to foster increased academic performance and socio-emotional awareness
- Supports high school students in completing college and university applications by stated deadlines by reviewing and providing feedback/revisions on personal statements and scholarship essays; as well as schedules TRIO Zoom sessions, tracks student correspondence and engagement; and registers students for upcoming college events and opportunities
- Spearheads and oversees the development and publication of the bi-weekly, multi-page TRIO newsletter highlighting upcoming workshops, apprenticeship and scholarship opportunities for college-bound students in grades 9-12

Middle School ELA Teacher – Ricardo Flores Magon Academy

May 2017-Jun 2020

- Created and implemented socially-relevant and rigorous curriculum to grades 6-8 in order to strengthen academic, socio-emotional and creative skills amongst students in order to meet academic benchmarks and achievement
- Engaged with parents, staff, and community members to center the interests of diverse learners with the aim of addressing student needs and increasing family/community involvement
- Facilitated the development of youth-led school and community projects (including the formation of the school's first Gender & Sexuality Alliance), both in-person and online

Intellectual Property Legal Assistant – Armstrong Teasdale

Aug 2015-Feb 2017

- Coordinated weekly travel arrangements for 5 attorneys and legal professionals, prepared/submitted business expense reports, maintained and tracked correspondence between staff and clients; and managed daily/weekly calendaring and scheduling system(s)
- Prepared and submitted both provisional and non-provisional application filing packages for review by stated deadlines

- Managed multiple schedules and calendars, maintained correspondence between staff and clients; transcribed and took notes at weekly meetings, as well as coordinated on-site event tasks during Festival Event
- Made edits and revisions to Artist, Vendor and Sponsorship agreements in accordance with stated time lines and departmental standards and guidelines
- Developed legal department processes and procedures to improve contracting efficiencies on an enterprise-wide basis, maintained physical and digital (Drop Box) departmental filing systems and records and primarily assisted in the administration of Artist Performance and Sponsorship Agreements

RELEVANT EDUCATION

Relay Graduate School of Denver | 3.6 GPA

- Master of Art in Teaching, Academic Honors

University of Florida | 3.9 GPA

- Bachelor of Arts, English Literature, Magna Cum Laude
- Bachelor of Arts, Theater, Summa Cum Laude (specialized in Stage Management and Playwriting)

CU Denver | Continuing Education Courses:

- Gender, Sexuality and U.S History (2016); Law, Diversity and Community (2017)

Certifications:

- TEFL/TESOL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language/Second Language) Certification (**2021**)
- SIOP (Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol) Certification for Teaching ESL Students (**2020**)
- Transformative Justice/Interpersonal Violence/Safety Planning Training (**2017**)
- Trauma-Informed Yoga Certification for Youth (**2016**) & Power Vinyasa 200-Hour Yoga Certification (**2016**)

RELEVANT SKILLS & PROJECTS

- Curriculum Design: Built a 16-week MS and 16-week HS curriculum for QueenShipp (**Aug 2022**)
- CommunityEd Interview Project Series: *Invites QTPOC to share about their educational experiences* (**Ongoing**)
- Shades of Honey: Hosts a monthly “people’s mic” for BIPOC folks in the Denver Community (**Ongoing**)
- Foreign Language: Spanish (Advanced-Proficient)

REFERENCES

• Yesi Llerenas Daniel, Co-Worker at Planned Parenthood

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• Marisol Enriquez, Previous TRiO UB Supervisor

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• Marc Lytle, Dean of Culture at RFMA

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