

Melanie L. Lewis Dickerson

EDUCATION:

Master of Public Administration, University of Colorado Denver, Denver, CO. December 2009

Honors: John C. Buechner Scholarship Recipient

Bachelor of Arts - Political Science, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS. May 2006. Summa Cum Laude.

Honors & Affiliations: President's List, Dean's List, Delta, Delta, Delta Alumnus, Honor's College, National Dean's List, Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honorary, National Scholars Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Pi Alpha Theta National History Honorary, Golden Key International Honor Society, Order of Omega Greek Honor Society, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Sigma Alpha Lambda Honor Society, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, Lambda Sigma Honorary, Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Community Solutions, Denver, CO/New York, NY

Director - July 2014 – Present

Duties: Lead design and implementation of large-scale social change initiatives in the United States and internationally; build local, state and federal partnerships; support communities and partner organizations in strategic planning; develop policy in partnership with state and national partners; design interventions to assist communities in building coordinated service delivery systems, cultivate and manage relationships with cross-sector stakeholders; integrate improvement science and data driven strategies into community planning; build relationships with philanthropic and other strategic partners; provide supervisory support and professional development to team members; provide organizational leadership as part of senior management team; manage departmental budget of over \$1 million.

City and County of Denver, Denver, CO

Denver's Road Home Partnership Manager - November 2009 – July 2014

Duties: Managed relationships with regional, state and federal partners; developed and implemented public policy; led system building efforts to improve service delivery and coordination; developed, coordinated and implemented community-wide initiatives; managed fundraising and donor relations; cultivated and managed relationships with a diverse group of community stakeholders across metro Denver; developed and oversaw marketing and communications, planned community events, fundraisers and volunteer activities; supervised and provided professional development coaching for intern program.

City and County of Denver, Denver, CO

Denver's Road Home Mayoral Intern - December 2008 – November 2009

Duties: Oversaw comprehensive review and update to Denver's Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness; researched and integrated information from community stakeholders; conducted evaluation and cost assessment of Project Homeless Connect event.

City and County of Denver, Denver, CO

Denver City Council Intern - May 2009 – August 2009

Duties: Researched and analyzed policy issues including tracking priority legislation; provided support for the Economic Prosperity Task Force; managed communications and requests from constituents.

University of Colorado Denver, Denver, CO

Graduate Assistant - August 2008 – May 2009

Duties: Gathered research and data including cataloging and reviewing congressional hearings; created database to organize information; analyzed data to produce graphs and statistical analysis of the research.

CIVIC LEADERSHIP

- **Metro Denver Homeless Initiative** – *President* – July 2017 – June 2018
 - **Junior League of Denver** – *President* - June 2020 - May 2021
 - **Mile High Young Professionals** – *President* – September 2017 - December 2019
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PROFESSIONAL/LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- **Leadership Denver** – *Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation* – 2017
 - **Downtown Denver Leadership Program** - *Downtown Denver Partnership* – 2015
 - **Legacy Denver** - *Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation* – 2013
 - **ASCEND Leadership Program** - *Denver Human Services* – 2013
 - **Improvement Coach Professional Development Program** - *Institute for Healthcare Improvement* – 2016
 - **Breakthrough Series College** - *Institute for Healthcare Improvement* - 2016
 - **Powerful Leadership for Social Change Course** - *The Social Change Agency* - 2014
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HONORS/AWARDS

- Reveille 25 - Mississippi State Alumni Association - 2023
 - 40 Under 40 Award - Denver Business Journal - 2022
 - GenXYZ Top 25 Young Professionals in Colorado - ColoradoBiz Magazine - 2020
 - Urban Honoree - Urban Nights/Joseph Family Foundation - 2018
 - Presidential Volunteer Service Award (Gold) - 2015
 - “Colorado’s Finest “ Young Professionals Award Recipient - 2013
 - Denver Human Services Spotlight Award – 2013
 - Proclamation for Outstanding Service and Character - Mayor of Hattiesburg, MS – 2003
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COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce
 - American Society for Public Administration
 - CU Denver Alumni Association
 - Delta Delta Delta Denver Alumnae Chapter
 - Mississippi State Alumni Association
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PUBLICATIONS

- [One Mission, One Stop for Veterans in Denver](#) - *By Brenton Hutson, Jay Krammes, Melanie Lewis Dickerson, Heather Powers, and Daleena Scott. ShelterForce Magazine. January 2015.*
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COMPUTER SKILLS: Microsoft Office Suite, Google Platform, Social Media