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EDUCATION

University of Michigan, School of Social Work, Candidate for M.S.W., December, 2002
Dual Concentration: Social Policy & Evaluation; Aging in Families & Society
John A. Hartford Geriatric Social Work Fellow

Cornell University, B.S., Applied Economics & Management, May 2001
Cum Laude, National Collegiate Scholar

WORK EXPERIENCE

Michigan Office of Services to the Aging Lansing, MI May 2002-Present

- Worked with state prosecutors in assessing the effectiveness of statues that protect vulnerable adults.
- Prepared *Issue Alert* articles, which were published in community newsletters throughout the state to inform older adults on ways to safeguard themselves against abuse and exploitation.
- Evaluated state and federal policies that protect seniors from abuse and financial exploitation.

Housing Bureau for Seniors Ann Arbor, MI Jan 2002-May 2002

- Coordinated community resources for clients in the *Elderly Eviction Prevention Program* to ensure a safe and stable living environment.
- Assisted clients in filling out property tax and other housing related forms.

Wayne County Pilot Foster Care Initiative University of Michigan Aug 2001-Present

- Performed data analysis, conducted interviews and prepared literature reviews on a study to evaluate the use of incentive-based managed care policies in Detroit's foster care system.

Introductory Statistics; Financial Accounting Cornell University Aug 2000-May 2001

- Served as a Teaching Assistant for two different courses. Taught two weekly labs (approximately 50 students), graded assignments and met with struggling students individually at weekly office hours.

Ishikawa, Shinomiya &Watanabe Law Office Chiba, Japan March 2000-Aug 2000

- Conducted a comparative analysis on jury systems in ten different nations for an attorney who was investigating the introduction of a layperson jury into the Japanese judicial system.

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri St. Louis, MO Jan 2000-March 2000

- Conversed with clients, drafted memos and contacted private attorneys for pro bono referral.

Aziotics Consulting St. Louis, MO May 1999-Aug 1999

- Developed a prospectus that was used to attract subscribers to a market research study that investigated the perceptions of community leaders in Asia on biotechnology issues.

ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS

Law & Social Work Public Interest Group University of Michigan

- Speaker Series Chair and founding member

Neighborhood Senior Services Ann Arbor, MI

- *Friendly Visitor* for a senior. Assisted with shopping and transportation to medical appointments.

Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority Cornell University

- Vice President of Academic Development, Standards Committee Representative, & House Manager

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