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“The Sufi Second Line” of Louisiana folk and gospel songs performed in Arabic and Urdu. Performances across the country including at the Rothko Chapel, major festivals in Nashville and New Orleans. Regular events in Gentilly, New Orleans bringing key stakeholders together to explore further solutions to protracted social problems.

Prevention & Education Program Manager

Odyssey House Louisiana (OHL), New Orleans

Dec. 2015-Oct. 2018

Oversaw strategic planning and development of multiple five-year, multi-million-dollar SAMHSA-funded program and operations, facilitated outreach and recruitment; supervised data collection; trained staff and coordinated with various grantors. Responsible for Medicaid enrollment applications, field testing for HIV and HEP C, voter registration, all reporting to local, state, and federal partners.

General Manager WHIV-LP 102.3FM

NOSIDA/OHL, New Orleans

Jan. 2015 –Jan. 2016

Handled growth and development of a start-up radio station focusing on Public Health, Human Rights, and Social Justice. Duties included forming partnerships with other nonprofits, businesses, governmental agencies and key stakeholders. Dealt extensively with community leaders and elected representatives. Built, trained, and managed a team of more than 70 volunteer hosts, DJs, interns, content committee members, etc.

Founder and Chairman of Board of Directors

Voices for International Business & Education, New Orleans

Aug. 2008 – Dec. 2013

Assisted in drawing up Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Type 2 Charter for the International High School. Active in fund-raising, grant-writing, publicity, and governance of the nonprofit organization and the International High School of New Orleans which it services. Regular interactions with representatives of foreign nations, chambers of commerce, as well as local, state, and federal governments. Oversaw budget of \$5 million

Professor of English Literature

Polonia University, Czestochowa, Poland

Oct. 2001 – Jun. 2004

Teaching the history of English literature from *Beowulf* to Oscar Wilde focusing on the historical context in which each piece was written, students read, analyzed and presented aspects of the texts to the class, with discussion and debate

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SKILLS, PUBLICATIONS, & AWARDS

LANGUAGES – **Urdu:** highly proficient
Hindi: proficient
Polish: intermediate
Arabic: basic

PUBLICATIONS

Sociology International Journal, Vol. 3, Issue 6 November 2019
“Music as a vehicle for reducing HIV stigma and increasing access to testing in rural Uganda: A quasi-experimental, mixed-methods study”

International Journal of Community Development, Vol. 6, Issue 1 June 2017
“Music Festivals Serving as a Catalyst for Collaborative HIV Prevention; Education and Expanded HIV Testing in Rural Uganda”.

Tulane University Doctoral Dissertation May 2016
“Impacts of working in the New Orleans Tourism Industry on workers’ levels of security, opportunity, empowerment and quality of life”.

Barataria Communications “*A Bourbon Street Sojourn*” April 2016
Award-winning poetical fiction piece first edition sold out within six months.

International Journal of Ethnic and Social Studies, Vol. 1, Issue 1 June 2010
“Addressing the past and considering the future: An interdisciplinary examination of Afghanistan’s development”.

Matt Shelton Theatre, San Francisco, CA - *Indigo Don’t Vote* Feb. 2004
Co-playwright of well-received play with extended run and timely message
<https://www.sfweekly.com/calendar/disappear-here/>

PRESENTATIONS

Featured Speaker: New Delhi, India, December 2022
World Federation of Therapeutic Communities Semi-Annual Conference
Title: “A Fraught Embrace: the role of state-sponsored religion in substance abuse treatment”

Featured Speaker: New Delhi, India, December 2022
World Federation of Therapeutic Communities Semi-Annual Conference
Title: “Using Music to Reach Stigmatized Populations in East Africa and the Southern USA”

Host and Presenter: New Orleans, LA - November 2022

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Tulane University – Altman Program Speaker Series

Title “Inside the Dangerous Rise of Christian Nationalism”

Poster Presentation: Atlanta, GA - November 2017
American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Expo
Title: “Music festivals to facilitate sexual health education and sexual health services in Rural Uganda.” Ward A, Rothfuss C, Nabimanya H, Adams J.

Poster Presentation: Denver, CO - October 2017
Global Health Symposium, UC Denver, Anschutz Medical Campus
Title: “Music festivals can serve as a catalyst for the provision of effective sexual health services.” Ward A, Rothfuss C, Nabimanya H, Adams J.

GRANTS & AWARDS

Grant Recipient – Tulane University Innovation Institute (TUII), Summer 2024
Faculty Innovation Curriculum Grant integrating entrepreneurship into the curriculum, fostering a ground-breaking mindset among students while preparing them for future endeavors.

Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year – Newcomb Tulane College 2023
Honored as the faculty member who embodies the operating principles of NTC; particularly for acting as a catalyst for ideas and learning development.

Randolph C. Read Award for Excellence in Teaching - Tulane May 2023
Honored for encouraging students to find their place in the larger research community and challenging and empowering them to invest in their own futures.

Grant Recipient – Tulane University Summer 2023
Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching (CELT), Inclusive and Equitable Course (Re)Design Institute grant

Grant Recipient – Tulane University Summer 2020
Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching (CELT), Technology-assisted Classroom Enhancement grant

Fellow – Aspen Institute Spring 2020
Selected from highly competitive pool of candidates to attend the Aspen Ideas Festival (Health) as a funded fellow

Fellow – Institute of Politics (IOP) Class of 2017
Loyola University, New Orleans’ premier leadership training seminar designed to groom the next generation of Louisiana political leaders

Fellow – New Leaders Council (NLC) Class of 2017
Institute, Louisiana Chapter – competitive leadership training program for

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progressive millennials working towards building a new governing coalition

Distinguished Master of Advocacy Award Nov. 10, 2016
National Association of Community Health Centers (NHCC) honoring my efforts to support and secure access to health centers across Louisiana

Outstanding Young Alumnus Award May 2014
Recognized by Mary Washington University for my efforts in community organizing and rebuilding the education sector in New Orleans post-Katrina

Gambit Weekly's 40 Under 40 Nov. 2011
Honored as one of New Orleans's most accomplished citizens under 40 for contributions in the field of education
https://www.nola.com/gambit/news/article_a03b477a-e49e-5c06-9579-9371dad42f6a.html

Critical Language Scholarship Recipient Summer 2010
US Department of State – Council on American Overseas Research Centers
Part of the 1% of applicants given an opportunity to partake in the intensive study of Urdu language, literature, and culture, Lucknow, India

Times Picayune's Young Urban Rebuilding Professionals Aug.18, 2007
Featured as part of New Orleans' post-Katrina "Brain Gain"

MEMBERSHIPS

Board Member and Development Committee Chair Sept. 2023 - Present
Ecole Bilingue De La Nouvelle-Orléans (EB) - Developing and enacting policy contributing to the benefit and longevity of EB while fostering the school's mission.

Founder & Chairman Jan. 2023 - Jun. 2024
Rotary Club of New Orleans Riverbend Foundation - Producing the monthly Freret Markets and annual Freret Street Festival featuring 3 stages, 21 bands and 25,000 attendees, then using the proceeds to provide grants for projects and students locally, nationally, and internationally

Executive Committee Member Oct. 1, 2017 – Mar. 2020
New Orleans Regional AIDS Planning Council - Developing and maintaining a comprehensive system of care for People Living with HIV (PLWH) in the 8-parish area. NORAPC is the public planning body that plans for the distribution of federal Ryan White Part A funds.

Member – Louisiana Historical Society (LHS) 2008 - Present
Founded in 1835, the LHS is dedicated to accurate understanding and dissemination of information pertaining to the people, land, culture, and lore of Louisiana.

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INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

January 1979 - Present

- Raised in Saudi Arabia (2 years), North Yemen (3 years), Egypt (5 years)
- Lived, worked, and studied in India (5 years) and Poland (3 years)
- Worked and/or conducted research in Cuba, El Salvador, France, French Polynesia, Greece, Guatemala, Israel, Japan, Mali, Pakistan, Palestine, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Uzbekistan
- Tourist travel in Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Bermuda, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Jordan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, United Kingdom, Ukraine, Vatican City

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MEDIA APPEARANCES & INTERVIEWS

Tourism Industry

- *Out to Lunch* on WWNO April 20, 2022
<https://itsneworleans.com/2022/04/20/pet-tourism/>
- *Tulane Hullabaloo* October 14, 2020
<https://tulanehullabaloo.com/54617/uncategorized/tulane-professor-andrew-ward-discusses-new-orleans-and-the-tourism-industry/>

HIV Awareness iKnow Concert Series

- Kabalega News – Hoima, Uganda December 7, 2019
<https://fb.watch/clkmYcMPtB/>
- Reach a Hand Uganda’s Promotional Video December 1, 2019
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JzUto_cWuzs
- Loyola University Podcasts September 9, 2019
<http://cmm.loyno.edu/podcasts/iknow-concert-series>
- *University of Mary Washington Magazine* Spring 2019
<https://magazine.umw.edu/spring2019/departments/music-festival-helps-medical-care-go-down/>
- *The Buzz* TV – Kigali, Rwanda March 4, 2019
<https://youtu.be/3Mw3jAAArYk>
- Concert Series promo January 30, 2019
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2343475439232679>
- *It’s New Orleans* “Happy Hour” October 17, 2017
<https://itsneworleans.com/2017/10/11/employees-must-wash-hands-after-exposing-themselves-happy-hour-its-new-orleans/>
- WWNO “All Things New Orleans” March 6, 2017
<https://www.bgr.org/peter-reichard-shares-the-bureau-of-governmental-researchs-new-study-calling-for-a-drainage-fee/>
- *Tulane News* September 14, 2016
<https://news.tulane.edu/news/music-fest-uganda-has-dual-mission>
- The Times Picayune June 17, 2014
https://www.nola.com/entertainment_life/music/article_16431977-c39c-583d-9eb1-a91f6d5be3ad.html

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The Sufi Second Line

- *Tulane News* November 5, 2013
<https://news.tulane.edu/news/sufi-second-line-perform-campus>
- *American Conservative* August 3, 2013
<https://www.theamericanconservative.com/dreher/louisiana-a-state-of-mind/>
- *Houston Chronicle* June 25, 2013
<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/life/article/Traditional-folk-songs-aren-t-lost-in-translation-4621702.php>
- B 102.7FM “Music Can Change the World” October 8, 2012
<https://b1027.com/can-music-change-the-world-audio-video/>
- Kickstarter for Wahida July 17, 2012
<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/wahida/wahida-the-sufi-second-line>

Other Entertainment

- *Metaphysical Mysteries* January 28, 2022
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/professor-andrew-ward-phd-on-the-ghosts-of-new-orleans/id1539290568?i=1000549234436>
- *The Big Shut In* February 15, 2021
<https://racecarradio.com/thebigshutin/day-337-thursday-february-15-andrew>
- *It's New Orleans* - Guest Host “Happy Hour” March 21, 2018
<https://itsneworleans.com/2018/03/21/turkey-legs-to-turkey-basters-happy-hour-its-new-orleans/>
- *America's Got Talent* June 11, 2013
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8w5eINam91k>
- *The Times Picayune* – “The Mascot” October 10, 2012
https://www.nola.com/entertainment_life/music/article_e0cd1dac-9f36-55fa-9074-4f46ae591e06.html
- *Haunted New Orleans* - “The Goat Man of Grunch Road” December 10, 2010
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQnpjaa2BZo>
- *30 Days in the Bowl* - Trailer July 25, 2010
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03QcDuB3tiU>