Welcome

Dr. Christie Rinck
WGS Internship Coordinator

Dr. Elizabeth Bell
WGS Department Chair

Invited Speakers

Marilyn Shamblin
Crisis Center of Tampa Bay

Jackie Horwich
Crisis Center of Tampa Bay
Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County
USF Women’s & Gender Studies

JaDawn Wright
Y.E.S. (Youth Education Services)

Mary Catherine Bertulfo
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Mickey Castor
League of Women Voters of Hillsborough County

Connor Menneto
League of Women Voters of Hillsborough County

Poster Reception

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Project Highlights

Courtney Al-Jumaily
Sunrise of Pasco County
Courtney assisted the Outreach Coordinator with administrative tasks and staff meetings. She also assisted the Shelter Director and provided advocacy services to participants.

Anna Armitage
The Crisis Center of Tampa Bay
Anna assisted in planning community events and trainings for the sexual assault services department of the Crisis Center. She also worked as a volunteer sexual assault advocate.

Mary Catherine Bertulfo
Youth Education Services (Y.E.S.)
Mary has created a transition toolkit which addresses topics that affect HIV infected youth who are transitioning from pediatric care to adult services. She completed her state certification to do HIV testing and youth counseling.

Vanessa Cooler
Sylvia Thomas Center for Adoptive & Foster Families
Vanessa helped with fundraising ideas, provided assistance with the parent and children support groups, and attended select community-wide meetings.

Courtney Del Tufo
The Shepherd Center of Tarpon Springs
Courtney worked in the Outreach Department helping low-income families, single-parent families, and homeless individuals with food pantry service, hygiene bags, and clothing. She has also been trained to process requests for prescription and utility assistance.

Alicia Devita
I Know My Plan, Inc.
Alicia assisted in promotional activities, developed networking and marketing strategies, and became a Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) instructor.

Alexandra Ernest
USF Office of Multicultural Student Affairs
Alex maintained various social networking outlets and developed techniques to create awareness of the department.

Ruth Georges
Haitian Chamber of Commerce
Ruth worked with the CEO to develop organization by-laws, gave presentations on the importance of networking to local Haitian business leaders, and was given the responsibility of membership director.

Layne Gregory
USF Department of Women’s and Gender Studies
Layne compiled a history of USF’s Women’s & Gender Studies Department and helped to establish the department alumni society.

Chyna Hill
The Crisis Center of Tampa Bay
Chyna created various supporting materials for outreach events, wrote a proposal for the survivor library, and researched empowerment quotes.

Jackie Horwich
Crisis Center of Tampa Bay
Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County
USF Department of Women’s and Gender Studies
For the Homeless Coalition, Jackie assisted in the organization of the 100,000 Homes Campaign in Tampa. For the WGS department, she developed promotional materials for the internship program and maintained the department’s social media.

Alyssa Hughley
Sylvia Thomas Center for Adoptive & Foster Families
Alyssa helped with fundraising for the center, grant writing, and assisted in the center’s parent and children support group.

Amanda Markiewicz
Sunrise of Pasco County
Amanda created a timeline that outlined 30 years of Sunrise’s presence in the community, worked with the Prevention Team to develop new strategies for educating youth about Sexual violence, gender issues and bullying, and also organized the annual Candlelight Vigil.

William McDonough
USF Office of Multicultural Affairs, SafeZone
Billy created the “rethink pink” campaign and is in the process of creating the SafeZone Street Team to increase awareness about SafeZone on campus.

Connor Menneto
The League of Women Voters of Hillsborough County
Connor assisted with Voter Services activities, including planning, coordinating resources, and participating in voter registration drives.

Rebekah Morgan
The Alpha House of Tampa
Rebekah spent her internship researching grant opportunities for the agency and finding the best practices for nonprofits. She also implemented steps to boost agency ratings on websites, as well as contributing news articles to the agency e-newsletter, and assisting the Director of Development and Communication.

Briana Nestler
USF Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity
Briana researched various forms of diversity and inclusion to supplement workshops that educate USF faculty and students about the importance of these topics in the workplace.

Laila Noorani
USF Department of Women’s and Gender Studies
Laila has participated in meetings of the Women’s Status Committee, compiled a list of past WGS graduates and faculty and contacted them as part of the developing WGS Society, the new departmental alumni group.

Cassandra Novallen
THAP (Tampa Hillsborough Action Plan)
Cassandra put her HIV testing/counseling certification to use helping THAP establish a new testing location in Temple Terrace. Cassandra has been promoted to site coordinator for that location.

Charmaine Oliver
RCS Grace House
Charmaine performed initial screenings of all candidates for the emergency housing program, including telephone intakes, background checks, and drug testing.

Christina Plante
Mary and Martha House
Christina conducted phone screenings of potential clients, completed the in-take process for new clients and finalized clients’ files for the Hillsborough County/HUD audits.

Sarah Preston
Equality Florida
USF Department of Women’s and Gender Studies
Sarah worked to create an online community for Tampa Bay/St. Petersburg LGBTQ parents. She has also done various graphic design work for the WGS department.

Taylor Rifley
The Haven of RCS
Taylor served as a legal advocate at the Clearwater Justice Center helping victims through the injunction filing process.

Kiyanna Sawyer
USF Office of Multicultural Affairs, LGBT History Month
Kiyanna connected the Office of Multicultural Affairs to various student organizations to coordinate events on diversity. She also led the social media team to increase the office’s visibility.

Edy Urken
Planned Parenthood
Edy gave sexual health education classes in the community, wrote guest posts for FeroniaProject.org, coordinated volunteers, and wrote grants.