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Experience

President & CEO, Pacifica Graduate Institute, 2022–2025

Chief Operating Officer, CommUnify, 2021–2022

Chief of Organizational Transformation & Leadership, County of Santa Barbara, 2017–2021

Director of Clinical Research Operations & Major Grants, Sansum Diabetes Research Institute, 2012–2017

Senior Grants Administrator, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 2008–2012

Senior Program Officer, Newark Alliance, 2005–2008

Business Analyst, Schering-Plough (Merck), 2001–2005

Branch Manager, Chase Bank, 1999–2001

Membership Coordinator & Trainer, 1199 SEIU, 1997–1999

Education

Ed.D., Organizational Leadership, Argosy University

M.B.A., Global Management, Georgian Court University

B.S., Business Administration & Human Resources, Georgian Court University

Board Leadership Certificate, California Lutheran University

Women in leadership, Center for Creative Leadership

Lean Six Sigma Black & Green Belt, Peak Academy

Faculty Positions

Faculty, Antioch University,

Adjunct Santa Barbara City College,

Undergraduate Student Mentor, Facilitator, Site Supervisor, Westmont College Center for Social Entrepreneurship

Lecture, COSB Employee University
Adjunct, Middlesex County College

Board and Memberships

Commissioner, Santa Barbara County Behavioral Wellness
Board Member, Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce
Board Member, Central Coast Black Leaders Roundtable
Board Member, A Different Point of View
Chair, SBCC Passport to Public Service Program
Member, American Council on Education (ACE)
Member, Association of Governing Boards (AGB)
Member, American Psychological Association
Member, American Christian Counseling Association
Member, American Christian Association
Member National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
Member, Council for Higher Education Accreditation

Selected Publications

When the Blossom Withers: Finding Hope in the Ashes,” Santa Barbara Independent, 2025.
“A Healing Poem: The Quilt That Holds Us All,” Montecito Journal, 2025.
“How Depth Psychological Practices Can Transform the Way You Lead in 2025 and Beyond,” *Forbes*, 19 December 2024.
“A Depth Psychological Approach to Transforming Higher Education,” *Forbes*, 30 January 2024.
“Tending the Flow: Preventing Employee Burnout I & II,” *Pacifica News*, 2024.
“State of Black Leadership,” *Pacific Coast Business Times*, 2024 & 2025.
“Feeding Our Souls: A Reflection on Journey Week,” *Pacifica News*, 2023.
“Cautious Optimism After a Tumultuous Year,” *Pacific Coast Business Times*, 2021.
“Making Psychology Relevant for the 21st Century Economy,” *Pacific Coast Business Times*,

2023.

“Top Women in Business Interview,” *Pacific Coast Business Times*, 2023.

Media & Podcasts

“Tending the Soul in and of the World: Introduction to Pacifica Graduate Institute,” *OneVoice Podcast*, 2024. [Listen](#)

“Making Depth Psychology Accessible to All,” *Pacifica Graduate Institute*, YouTube, 2024. [Watch](#)

“Depth Psychology at the Threshold: Integrating Ancient Wisdom and Modern Technology,” *Pacifica Graduate Institute*, YouTube, 2024. [Watch](#)

“Pacifica Mental Health Community Forum,” *Pacifica Graduate Institute*, YouTube, 2023. [Watch](#)

Grants & Major Funding

\$42.5M – Community Transformation Grant, CDC

\$40M – Communities Putting Prevention to Work, CDC

\$5M – Workforce Innovation for Regional Economic Development, Dept. of Labor

\$1.25M – Mil Familias: Diabetes Research & Care, Eli Lilly

\$1.25M – CPPW Evaluation, CDC

\$500K – Clinical Trial Contracts, Abbott Diabetes

\$300K – CGM in Pregnancy Trial, JDRF Conceptt

\$300K – Workforce Dev. & Internship, CA Adult Ed Block Grant

\$398K – Family Self-Sufficiency Program, HHS

\$200K – Leadership & Nutrition Programs, Santa Barbara Foundation

\$87K – Non-Invasive Glucose Evaluation, Zyomed

\$85K – Zycorder Meter Validation, Zyomed

\$75K – Taste of the Vine Fundraising Event

\$70K – Apidra Trial, Sanofi-Aventis

\$70K – Fast Acting Insulin Trial, Novo Nordisk

\$40K – Proteus Discover Pilot Study

\$20K – The Sky is Not the Limit (ADPOV)