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EDUCATION:

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
PhD in Special Education, Expected May 2024

Teacher's College of Columbia University, New York, NY
M. A. in Special Education, May 2020

Barnard College, Columbia University, New York, NY
Bachelor of Arts, May 2016
Barnard Urban Teaching Program, Majors in Psychology and Education
Dean's List [2012, 2013, 2015]

EDUCATOR EXPERIENCE:

The Quad Preparatory School, New York, NY
Math Learning Specialist, September 2018-December 2019

- Provide individualized instruction for students with deficits in math
- Create lesson plans that incorporate student needs and interests
- Assess and track learning progress and modify teaching accordingly
- Collaborate with educational and psychosocial teams to create holistic interventions

The Gillen Brewer School, New York, NY
Assistant Teacher, September 2016-June 2018

- Differentiated lessons based on the individual needs of students in the classroom
- Created engaging activities to encourage students to actively participate in learning
- Applied knowledge of emotion regulation strategies to help students cope with frustrating feelings
- Participated in conversations with other teachers and therapists to generate most effective learning tools

Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, Rockville, MD
Inclusion Counselor, June 2010-August 2016

- Enabled campers with disabilities to interact with typically developing peers through social skill assistance
- Adapted daily camp activities for youth ages 5-21 to create a climate of caring where children take risks
- Customized schedules for children with special needs to have a robust and successful camp experience
- Engaged and supervised campers with disabilities in programs and activities during the day

Manhattan School for Children, New York, NY
Student Teacher, September 2015-December 2015

- Developed lesson plans for math, social studies, reading, writing and word study
- Facilitated small groups to help struggling students take pride in achievements
- Managed classroom behavior and implemented behavior management programs
- Utilized Common Core and Teacher's College curricula to guide classroom instruction

MS 324, New York, NY
Student Teacher, September 2013-December 2013

- Co-Instructed sixth graders with neurodevelopmental disabilities to develop self-confidence
- Organized a day long field-trip to the American Museum of Natural History to facilitate outside learning
- Planned Earth Science lessons for sixth graders with disabilities to increase their knowledge about the world

- Differentiated instruction to help students succeed academically, socially, and emotionally

Best Buddies International Program at Columbia University, New York, NY

Co-Founder & Vice President, September 2012-May 2016

- Founded group at Columbia and advocated for approval by administration
- Recruited individuals with and without disabilities for group participation
- Raised awareness about the program and mission at Columbia University
- Paired individuals with disabilities with Columbia Students to form meaningful friendships

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Barnard College, New York, NY

LGBTQ+ Outreach Coordinator, February 2022 – Present

- Collect data on LGBTQ+ student populations and their needs
- Run programming for LGBTQ+ students
- Provide continued education for faculty and staff around LGBTQ+ issues
- Facilitate conversations around best practices for LGBTQ+ inclusion in the classroom

GLSEN, New York, NY

Educator Advisory Council, September 2016-Present

- Discuss best practices for implementing a curriculum that addresses all types of differences
- Strategize with other educators about how to support LGBTQ+ students in the classroom
- Develop cross-curricular activities for students of all ages that incorporate varying identities
- Incorporate LGBTQ+ identities, themes, and needs into sex education initiatives

Queer Trans Intersex Educators, New York, NY

Organizer, September 2016-Present

- Plan Beyond Tolerance conference with workshops for LGBTQ+ youth
- Give schools the tools necessary to support their LGBTQ+ students
- Facilitate workshops for educators on LGBTQ+ inclusion in the classroom and curricula
- Work with schools to teach them best practices for problem-solving issues related to LGBTQ+ students

Quad Diversity Committee, New York, NY

Founder and President, November 2018 – December 2019

- Created once weekly culture period for all lower school classes
- Developed curriculum that explores intersectional material for 2e students
- Facilitate committee meetings to ensure inclusion of diverse identities of students and staff
- Supervise implementation of culture curriculum

Trans Educators Network, New York, NY

Organizer, September 2016-December 2019

- Lead workshops for educators about supporting transgender students
- Integrate trans-inclusive curricula and language into classrooms
- Familiarize educators with the guidelines in place for transgender students in New York City
- Advocate for causes that directly impact the transgender community

Gillen Brewer Diversity Committee, New York, NY

Founder and President, September 2017-June 2018

- Wrote a health curriculum that is fully inclusive of difference and accessible to multiple types of learners
- Evaluated classrooms and curricula based on representation of diverse identities and experiences
- Educated all staff about relevant issues of diversity to empower them to teach about those topics

- Researched best practices for the inclusion of diversity in special education settings

Columbia University AllSex Facilitator, New York, NY

Facilitator, January 2014-May 2016

- Facilitated conversations surrounding sex, sexuality, gender, identity, privilege, and other taboo topics
- Created a safe community where all participants feel comfortable sharing and supporting each other
- Engaged participants in critical conversations, helping them to see the world and those in it differently
- Adjust conversations and curriculum based on the needs of the participants

Barnard College – Club Q, New York, NY

Social Chair, September 2013-May 2016

- Coordinated events with other clubs on campus
- Developed club-wide events that were relevant to the LGBTQ community
- Organized awareness events for the Barnard/Columbia community
- Advocated for the rights of the LGBT community on Barnard’s campus

Awards & Honors

Girl Scout Gold Award 2012, Washington D.C.

- Created an inter-county Gay-Straight Alliance to unify the LGBT community
- Hosted monthly social events to bring LGBT youth from across the county together
- Maintained social media presence to connect LGBT youth with each other

CERTIFICATIONS:

- New York State Teaching Certification in General Education Grades 1-6, May 2016
- Certification in Meeting the Needs of Twice Exceptional Learners, Quad Preparatory School, May 2019
- New York State Teaching Certification in Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6, expected May 2020

COMPUTER SKILLS:

Proficient in Mac & PC, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, SPSS, Google Suite

CURRICULA

Math in Focus, Singapore Math, Sounds in Motion, Preventing Academic Failure (PAF), Teacher’s College Reading & Writing, New York Common Core Standards, Hochman Basic Writing Skills, Social Thinking

PRESENTATIONS

National

Kapit, D. (2023, January). *Neurodiversity and the Culture of Autism*. Presented at the DADD Conference, Clearwater, FL. (presenter)

Kapit, D. (2022, December). *Autistic Focused Sex Education*. Presented at the National Sex Education Conference, Atlantic City, NJ. (presenter).

Kapit, D. (2021, June). *Learning Masculinity as a Transmasculine Person*. Presented at the American Masculinity Studies Association Conference. Virtual. (presenter)

Kapit, D. (2021, July). *Gender & Neurodivergence*. Presented at Philly Trans Wellness Conference. Virtual. (presenter).

State/Local

Kapit, D. (2022, February). *Gender & Neurodivergence*. Presented to Institute for Human Identity. Virtual. (presenter).

Kapit, D. (2022, February). *Gender & Neurodivergence*. Presented to Activist Academy. Virtual. (presenter).

Kapit, D. (2022, February). *LGBTQ+ Inclusion in Disability Spaces*. Presented at Mad Hatter Wellness Conference. Virtual (presenter).

Kapit, D. (2022, January). *Gender & Neurodivergence*. Presented at NYC GSA Summit. Virtual. (presenter).

Kapit, D. (2021, August). *LGBTQ+ Competence*. Presented to Walter Johnson High School Staff, Bethesda, MD. (presenter).

Kapit, D. (2021, May). *LGBTQ+ Inclusion in Special Education*. Presented to Safe Schools Massachusetts. Virtual. (presenter).

Kapit, D. (2018, March). *On Navigating Trans and Gender Non-Conforming Identities in the Camp Setting*. Presented at American Camp Association of NY/NJ Tri-State Camp Conference, Atlantic City, NJ. (presenter).

Kapit, D. (2018, January). *Trans and Gender Non-Conforming Identities in The Classroom: A How-To*. Presented at the NYSAIS Conference: Diversity Education and Justice in the Curriculum, New York, NY. (presenter).

Guest Lectures

Kapit, D. (2022, November). *Introduction to Autism*. Lecture presented to class. Coordinated by Dr. Sheila Conway, University of Pittsburgh.

Kapit, D. (2021, November). *Gender, Neurodivergence, and LGBTQ+ Inclusion in Special Education*. Lecture presented to class. Coordinated by Dr. Laura Graham, Hunter College.

Kapit, D. (2021, March). *Disability 101 & Health*. Lecture presented to class. Coordinated by Dr. Sharon Ross, University of Pittsburgh.

Kapit, D. (2020, March). *Introduction to Special Education*. Lecture presented to class. Coordinated by Dr. Lisa Edstrom. Barnard College of Columbia University.

Kapit, D. (2020, March). *Introduction to Special Education*. Lecture presented to class. Coordinated by Dr. Rachel Throop. Barnard College of Columbia University.

GRANTS

Received

Kapit, D. Sex education for queer autistic learners (SEQuAL). Student-Faculty Research Fund, School of Education at the University of Pittsburgh. (\$3,000). Principal Investigator.

Kapit, D. Sex education for queer autistic learners (SEQuAL). LGBTQ+ Endowment Fund, GSWS Program at the University of Pittsburgh. (\$750). Principal Investigator.