

Shelley M. Chinnan

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EDUCATION

The University of Georgia

Athens, GA

Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies & Certificate in Environmental Ethics

December 2006

UGA GPA

3.80/4.00

Selected 3000-4000 level Coursework

Environmental Ethics Capstone & Seminar; Geography of Food; Feminist Research Methods; Geography of Human Rights

Clayton College and State University

Morrow, GA

Courses in Communications & Media Studies (CMS)

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Media & Culture; Language & Politics; Media Studies Global Contexts (CMS Capstone)

EXPERIENCE

Student Campaign for Child Survival (a campaign of Global Justice)

Washington, D.C.

National Organizer

September 2007 – April 2009

- Organized students around the country from central DC office
- Managed and planned National Days of Action
- Planned Global Justice National Conference with 200+ in attendance and lobby day
- Trained students in non-violent direct action organizing, anti-oppression, & leadership
- Managed interns and designed internship projects
- Coordinated holiday grassroots fundraising appeals with matching donors
- Campaign issues included: Malaria Treatment; Preventable & Treatable Diseases; Access to Clean & Affordable Water

Oaxaca Human Rights Volunteer

Oaxaca, Mexico

International Volunteer

March – May 2007

- Translated and transcribed testimonials of falsely incarcerated citizens
- Gained understanding of indigenous rights and Mexican national political issues

UGA Women's Studies Student Organization

Athens, GA

President

July 2006 – December 2006

- Organized membership of 300+ students around progressive issues on campus
- Developed & led multiple coalition-based social justice campaigns (worked on Women's Issues, Immigrant Rights, Global Economic Justice)
- See <http://shelley.chinnan.com> for more info

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Breast Cancer 3-Day

Atlanta, GA

Crew Coach, Crew Captain, & Walker

2004 – 2006

- Organized 300+ volunteers for 1 year via phone, email, & meetings
- Managed more than 30 volunteer crew members in feeding 3,000 people for 3 days
- Fundraised more than \$4,300 for Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

Kitab Project in conjunction with Room to Read

Atlanta, GA & South Asia

Charter Project Team Member

Fall 2006 – current

- Developed program from scratch to promote literacy initiatives in Southeast Asia
- Collaborated with various organizations in an effort to fundraise \$30,000
- Designed website, brochures, & project publicity

Global Institute for Leadership & Civic Development

Bangkok, Thailand

Study Abroad Student & International Volunteer

Summer 2005

- Volunteered for Boxing Day Tsunami Relief beach cleanup
- Attended two 4-wk classes: Leadership Ethics and Social Struggle & Global Educational Systems

Hands on Atlanta Day

Atlanta, GA

Project Coordinator

October 2004 – 2005

- Managed more than 40 volunteers for 8 hour-day of community service for two consecutive years

HONORS

- Choice USA's Generation to Generation National Student Leader Award (2007)
- Gold Presidential Volunteer Service Award & Americorps/Hands on Atlanta Citizen Education Scholarship recipient (for completion of 300 volunteer service hours in 1 year) (2004)

SKILLS & TRAINING

- Language Skills: Fluent Spanish, Hindi, & Punjabi
- Computer Skills: MS Word, Excel, & PowerPoint; Macromedia Dreamweaver; Macintosh Interface
- Midwest Academy Direct Action Organizing Training (May 2008)
- Highlander Institute's Popular Education Social Action Training (December 2008)