

# Mario L Adkins

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## EDUCATION

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### Masters of Education, Higher Education

Grand Valley State University | Allendale, Michigan

Emphasis: College Student Affairs Leadership

Degree Conferred: April 2015

### Bachelor of Arts, Communication Studies

Grand Valley State University | Allendale, Michigan

Emphasis: Journalism

Degree Conferred: April 2013

## EXPERIENCE

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### Research Analyst in Higher Education

Grand Valley State University | Grand Rapids, Michigan

May 2013 – Apr. 2015

- Advised co-teaching undergraduate students on requirements, questions, concerns and effective practices to co-teaching
- Synthesized, analyzed and processed both qualitative and quantitative data formats for presentation and storage filing
- Assisted in the development of a synergistic and complementary co-teaching model between student teachers and teachers
- Evaluated student teaching directly in K-6 classrooms to provide feedback for effective teaching and student learning
- Worked with student teachers and elementary/secondary teachers to evaluate logistics in co-teaching functionality

### Leadership Development Interim

Grand Valley State University | Allendale, Michigan

Jan. 2015 – Apr. 2015

- Coordinated the 6-week First Year Leadership Experience (FYLE) program for underclassmen and transfer students
- Taught FYLE with a curricula on diversity, ethical/servant leadership, values, commitment, goal setting, and professionalism
- Hired, trained, paired and supervised a team upperclassmen and graduate students to serve as co-facilitators for FYLE
- Directed intersectional ambassadors on the campus program “Beyond Diversity and Inclusion: Decolonizing Your Mind”
- Supervised undergraduate interns on project logistics such as assessment, troubleshooting, and programmatic preparations

### Student Affairs Operations Assistant

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | Troy, New York

May 2014 – Aug. 2014

- Provided supervision and leadership training to 25 Orientation Leaders, who orientated roughly 900 new undergraduates
- Evaluated (via a drilldown), bound, and presented on 7 Educational Benchmark Institute (EBI) campus-wide assessments; 3 Residence Life, 1 Student Employment, 1 Student Activities, 1 New Student Orientation, 1 Counseling Center assessment
- Benchmarked peer and aspirant institutions to develop a Student Organization handbook and designed the International Roommate Resource Guide for RPI's Residence Life office for North American students rooming with international students
- Conducted a campus-wide undergraduate focus group to assess what EBI could not, such as learning outcomes and campus climate

### Laker Strategies for Success (LSS) 180 Instructor

Grand Valley State University | Allendale, Michigan

Nov. 2013 – Mar. 2015

- Taught second semester freshman students who are either on academic probation or jeopardy of university dismissal
- Assigned weekly readings, grading assignments, and fostering a collaborative and reflective classroom for 25+ students
- Met 1-on-1 with each student to discuss their academics, semester concerns, aspirations and for department referrals
- Developed personalized PowerPoints, in-class activities, and lecture material relevant to the weekly class curriculum
- Instructed a weekly curriculum including: study skills, time management, test anxiety, Bloom's Taxonomy, critical thinking, note taking, reading strategies, personal struggles, utilizing campus resources, motivation, learning styles and goal setting

### Resident Advisor, West A Living Center

Grand Valley State University | Allendale, Michigan

Aug. 2012 – May 2013

- Planned academic and recreational programs for over 500 resident students throughout four living center buildings
- Conducted paraprofessional advising and referrals for needs of students and relevant university-enforced policies
- Counseled resident students regarding academic matters, social problems and personal dilemmas as concerns arose
- Resolved campus crises in accordance to policies and documented situations through incident and maintenance reports
- Supervised the safety of four living center buildings on a bi-weekly, nightly schedule with other resident advisors

### New Student Orientation Ambassador

Grand Rapids Community College | Grand Rapids, Michigan

May 2011 – Aug. 2012

- Assisted new students by explaining their major and minor requirements while aiding with their class registration
- Coordinated technology sessions on using the main collegiate websites, Blackboard, and the degree processor myPath
- Educated new students in the workshop First Year Success, which provided an overview of collegiate departments/services
- Managed a database for student check-in during registration processes and when taking photos for college ID cards
- Directed campus tours for new and perspective students highlighting fundamental campus areas and academic buildings

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## NASPA/ACPA Professional Competencies

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### Advising & Helping:

- Personalized advising sessions for Laker Strategies for Success (LSS) 180 students Nov. 2013 – Mar. 2015
- Counseled undergraduates as a Resident Advisor and Student Affairs Operations Assistant Aug. 2013 – Aug. 2014

### Assessment, Evaluation, and Research:

- ACUHO-I National Research Committee Member June 2014 – Present
- EBI assessments for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Student Affairs Suite May 2014 – Aug. 2014

### Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion:

- EDF 672: Social & Cultural Foundation of Education | SW 630: El Salvador Service Learning | SW 631: New Orleans Service Learning
- Directed Intersectional Ambassadors for the camps-wide program "Beyond Diversity and Inclusion: Decolonizing Your Mind"

### Ethical Professional Practice:

- Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative – Training completed for Social & Behavioral Investigators and Key Personnel
- Campus Answers – Campus Workplace Ethics: Code of Conduct Training, Lawful Hiring, Wages & Hours, Decision Making

### History, Philosophy, and Values:

- EDH 651: Higher Education & Student Affairs Functions | EDH 652: The American College Student
- College Student Affairs Leadership Journal – Associate Editor of Development: accepting, denying, and editing articles submissions
- The Student Affairs Collective – Writing Team Member: writing monthly articles related to higher education and student affairs

### Human and Organizational Resources:

- Interviewed, trained, and provided professional support to orientation leaders, resident assistants, and student workers
- Budgeting | Grant Writing | Search Committee Affiliate | Student Staff Hiring / Termination | Conference Planning

### Law, Policy and Governance:

- EDH 654: Student Affairs and the Law | EDH 653: Administration of Student Affairs Programs
- Developed a working binder with sections for the role of legal counsel, constitutional laws, tort laws, contract laws, student discipline, Title IX, anti-discrimination laws, and policies for admissions, financial aid, Greek life, study abroad and athletics

### Leadership:

- Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education – National Committee Chair Mar. 2014 – Present
- Omicron Delta Kappa Nation Leadership Honor Society – National Advisory Board Member July 2014 – Present
- Phi Gamma Delta Graduate Liaison Jan. 2015 – Present

### Personal Foundations:

- TIPS - Training of Intervention Procedures Aug. 2012
- QPR - Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Program Aug. 2012
- NHT - Narcotics Handling Training Aug. 2012

### Student Learning and Development:

- EDH 647: Theories of College Student Development | EDH 655: Intervention Strategies for College Student Development
- EDC 649: Career Development | EDH 693: Master's Project: Maximizing Employability & Minimizing Unemployment of College Graduates
- Developed and facilitated training curricula on leadership, career development, cultural competency, and experiential learning

## Publications / Presentations

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Adkins, M. (2014) Resume relay: 5 transferable skill groups that can be developed through campus activities involvement. *Camps Activities Programming*<sup>®</sup> 47(3), 52-54.

Adkins, M. (2014). How video games and digital literacy impacts student achievement and development: An analysis of synergistic integration. In M. Searson & M. Ochoa (Eds.), *Proceedings of Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education International Conference 2014* (pp. 1-5). Chesapeake, VA: Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education.

Eckerle, K., Adkins, M., Mitchell, D. *Characterizing the touchstones of historically black college and university higher education administration preparation programs: A content analysis*. Session presented at the 2014 Annual American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

## Technology

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Microsoft Office 2013 | Mac/PCs | Smart Boards | NVivo 10 | Nikon D800E Digital SLR Camera | Adobe Photoshop | Tablets

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