

# Angelica Fontes

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## EDUCATION:

**Bridgewater State University**, Bridgewater, MA

*Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, Concentration in Cultural Anthropology*

May 2020

Minors: Women and Gender Studies, Communication Studies

## CONFERENCE SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

Redefining Our "We" - Meeting Our Mission Through Leadership Expansion and Community Engagement HAVI 2021

Closing Plenary: "This Ain't Normal": Policy Change through Story Telling HAVI 2022

## RELATED EXPERIENCE:

*Community Organizer* | **Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence** | Boston, MA January 2021–Present

- Builds relationships with member organizations and key stakeholders in communities most impacted by gun violence, including representing the Coalition at member events and other community initiatives
- Conducts organizing meetings with youth and community members to understand what is already working and identify priorities for violence prevention and build a communal vision for peaceful neighborhoods
- Identifies and supports youth and community members' priorities for violence prevention and advocates directly to municipal leaders and decision-makers, as well as state legislators
- Creates curriculum to address public awareness about; gun violence, root causes, advocacy, and storytelling
- Works with Communications and Policy Specialist to create materials that outline and promote communal visions to be used for social media and website
- Spearheads social media campaign titled “ Calling On Our Village” to connect with the most impacted communities across the commonwealth

*Community Engagement Fellow* | **BSU College Connect Program** | Bridgewater, MA September 2019 – May 2020

- Facilitated monthly College Connect sessions for up to 23 high school students from the Old Colony YMCA with a focus on post-secondary educational opportunities
- Coordinated BSU student-led youth program including volunteer orientation, training, and lesson planning
- Created a positive work environment for volunteer staff and youth
- Led focus groups and administered feedback surveys to participants and volunteers

*Team Leader and Corps Member* | **Jumpstart BSU** | Brockton, MA September 2016 – May 2019

- Prepared groups of up to 16 preschool children from low-income neighborhoods for school success
- Coached team members to utilize developmentally appropriate practices and facilitate guided reflection to encourage social-emotional learning and build positive adult-child relationships with students
- Coordinated team administration and facilitated weekly meetings for up to 5 Corps Members

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

*Organizer* | **March For Our Lives: Boston Rally** June 2022

*Volunteer* | **Boston Princess Day: Celebrating Little Girls of Color** | Roxbury, MA August 2021, 2022

*Team Leader* | **Alternative Spring Break - Sioux YMCA** | Dupree, SD March 2019

*Participant* | **BSU College Connect** | Bridgewater, MA November 2017 – April 2018

*Participant* | **Alternative Spring Break - Sioux YMCA** | Dupree, SD March 2018

*Volunteer* | **MLK Day of Service** | Bridgewater, MA January 2017, 2018, 2019

## SKILLS:

*Certifications:* Anti-Bullying & Cyberbullying Train the Trainer, Hubspot Social Media Certified, QPR Gatekeeper, Youth Mental Health First Aid USA

*Computer:* Microsoft, Canva, GoFundMe, Social Media Marketing

*Languages:* Intermediate language skills in Cape Verdean Creole, Portuguese, and Spanish

## Honors and Awards:

*Dr. George R. Horner Award for Excellence in Anthropology for the academic year 2019-2020*