

JULIA CURRY

Expertise: Cooperative self-management; business functions of multi-family housing; adult education and training; marketing and communications; labor and community organizing.

Work History

Resident-Controlled Housing Specialist, Champlain Housing Trust, Burlington VT, 2007 – present

Coordinate CHT's housing cooperatives program; support and monitor six multifamily housing co-ops and support Northgate Apartments, a 336-unit resident-owned rental property.

Co-managed the launch of Bright Street Co-op, a 40-household property that opened in 2016.

- Advise boards and committees on process and problem-solving; draft policies/rules
- Design and lead trainings for co-op boards and committees
- Market the co-ops and support the application and evaluation process
- Supervise Northgate community-building staff; facilitate hiring and evaluations

Community Builder, Champlain Housing Trust, Burlington VT, 2007 – 2014

Provided outreach to all CHT members and partners.

- Wrote for website, annual reports, and other public media, and wrote/edited content for a bi-annual newsletter
- Organized an annual member gathering and other occasional events
- Organized and led an annual forum on housing policy and advocacy skills
- Managed yearly surveys of residents

Community Organizer, Vermont Interfaith Action, Burlington VT, June 2006 – June 2007

Organized congregation members and leaders to advocate for policy-level changes

Cashier, City Market, Burlington VT, Jan. 2005 – June 2006

Organizer, Vermont Workers' Center, Montpelier VT, Sept. 2004 – Sept. 2005

Organizer & Field Representative, United Professions of Vermont/AFT, Nov. 2000 – July 2004

Led or worked on three winning campaigns to form locals at UVM and Vermont State Colleges

Strategic Researcher, Hotel Trades Council/H.E.R.E. Local 6, New York City, 1999 – 2000

Teaching Assistant in Political Economy, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Fall 1998

Cofounder, Johns Hopkins Student Labor Action Committee, 1997-1998

Co-led a successful 'town-gown' campaign to raise pay for workers at the medical campus

Intern, Institute for African Alternatives, Johannesburg, South Africa, Summer 1996

Helped develop grassroots community leaders and local political analyses

Freelance Copyeditor and Proofreader, New York City

1994 – 1995, full-time copyeditor

1992 –2007, proofreader and copyeditor

Communications Manager, Choice In Dying, New York City, 1990 –1994

Administrative Assistant, Choice In Dying, New York City, 1989 – 1990

Produced newsletters and other print materials for national health-care advocacy organization; helped plan education programs.

Grantwriter and Researcher, American Craft Museum, New York City, 1987 – 1989

Researched potential donors, wrote successful grant proposals to underwrite museum exhibitions and operations.

Education M.A. Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD 1999
A.B. Art History, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY 1985

Languages Proficient in Spanish; elementary Italian and German

Civic Roles

Board Member, Onion River Co-op/City Market, 2011 – present

Ward Clerk for Burlington’s Ward Three, 2009 – 2013

Board of Commissioners, Burlington School District, 2005 – 2006