

# **ELISHA GIRKEN**

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SIMPSON COLLEGE  
Indianola, Iowa, USA  
B.A. Psychology  
May 2008

## **Relevant Certifications & Research**

### **ASIAN EFL JOURNAL TESOL CERTIFICATE**

South Korea

- 120-hour English language teaching certification, with focus on task-based lessons

### **INDEPENDENT UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH**

Simpson College

- Research examined the effect meditation has on studying efficiency

## **Relevant Work Experience**

### **MENTOR LANGUAGE SCHOOL: ENGLISH TEACHER**

Daegu, South Korea

June 2009-June 2010

- conversation-based middle school student's English instructor
- developed all lesson plans

## **Internships**

### **SIMPSON COLLEGE: PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH METHODS CLASSROOM ASSISTANT**

May Semester 2008, Simpson College

- assisted preparation of class material
- monitored student groups for progress & complications
- tutored students by group & individual

### **SIMPSON COLLEGE: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY CLASSROOM ASSISTANT**

Fall Semester 2007, Simpson College

- organized & led group study sessions
- tutored & counseled students individually

## **Volunteer Experience of Interest**

### BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF AMERICA

Indianola, IA

Spring 2008

- tutored middle school student in a variety of subjects

### LITERACY CLUB OF CHILDREN & FAMILY URBAN MINISTRIES

Des Moines, IA

2007-2008 Academic Year

- tutored elementary-aged students in basic subjects
- took direction & corresponded with teachers through written communication

### SHALOM ZONE OF CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

Des Moines, IA

2007-2008 Academic Year

- mentored elementary-aged students through structured groups & unstructured play

## **Additional Work Experience of Interest**

### POLARIS TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM: RELIEF STAFF

Boulder, Colorado

January 2009-June 2009

- created & implemented Goals & Mission Statement program to help youth realize & achieve goals
- worked with, not above, teens to improve unhealthy mentalities & behaviors

### BROADWAY YOUTH SHELTER: DIRECT CARE COUNSELOR

Boulder, Colorado

December 2008-June 2009

- maintained client database and files
- reorganized paper system to reduce waste & cut company printing costs

### EASTER SEALS: INDEPENDENT LIVING PROVIDER

Des Moines, Iowa

March 2007-May 2008

- monitored & documented client's goal progress
- brainstormed with clients problem-solving solutions to aid goal success

### MID-EASTERN COUNCIL ON CHEMICAL ABUSE: RESIDENTIAL TECHNICIAN

Des Moines, Iowa

March 2004-May 2005

- conducted informational seminars consisting of 25-30 adult attendees
- both prepared material & utilized stock material for seminars