

# BLAKE NEMEC

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Bilingual Community Educator & Community Healthcare Worker experienced as a HIV/STI Harm Reduction Counselor & Tester, Phlebotomy Technician, lab worker and medical interpreter. Comfortable doing patient advocacy and intake. Professional, mindful, and team worker. Nonprofit Coordinator. Community-based cultural worker.

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## EDUCATION

Somatic Coach, The Somatic School, Online, Graduation Date: 11/2022  
Medical Interpretation Certification, InterpreNet, Chicago, IL, 2017  
Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing, University of Texas, El Paso, TX, 2013  
*Bilingual program in Spanish and English*  
Online Teaching Certificate in Instructional Design & Teaching, University of Illinois, 2017  
Harm Reduction Counsellor and Tester Certificate, AIDS Health Project, San Francisco, CA, 2004  
Clinical Phlebotomy Technician, Berkeley Inner City Schools, 2003  
Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, 1998

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## HEALTHCARE WORKER

Chicago Community Health Clinic, Chicago, IL  
Spanish/English Interpreter, 01/2020 - present  
Phlebotomy Lab Technician, 05/2017 - present

Broadway Youth Clinic, Chicago, IL, 12/2013- 12/2014  
Harm Reduction Counsellor & Tester Volunteer.  
Engage with young people in one on one risk reduction counselling sessions relating to drug, sex, or environmental hazards.

After Hours Drop-in Clinic. Howard Brown Clinic, Chicago, IL, 8/2014 - 4/2015  
Harm Reduction Counsellor & Tester Volunteer.

St. James Infirmary, San Francisco, CA, 12/2005 - 5/2009  
Transgender Program and Training Coordinator.

San Francisco Aids Office, San Francisco, CA, 1/2005 - 12/2005  
Phlebotomy Laboratory Technician & HIV/STI Counsellor.

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## COORDINATOR

WHITE CARCASS, Chicago, IL. 9/2020 - 9/2021  
Peer-based drop-in group, for white folks doing mutual aid work, to practice anti-racism accountability in a personal, consistent, and transformative way. Collaborated with mutual aid groups citywide. Created outreach graphic design materials, then distributed across social media networks.

FRUTAS, Chicago, IL. 1/2014 - 2/2020  
Event coordinator of Spanish speaking practice group for LGBTQA community members. Coordinated bi-monthly Spanish speaking cultural events in different locations throughout Chicago (film watching, cooking, craft making). Collaborations with Read Write Library, Roman Susan Gallery and Chicago Parks District. Created outreach graphic design materials, then distributed across social media networks.

ST. JAMES INFIRMARY HEALTH CLINIC, San Francisco, CA, 12/2005 - 5/2009

Training and Transgender Clinic Coordinator. Developed, modified, and implemented writing and wellness courses for children and adults as needed and in alignment with program, strategic, and mission goals and outcomes. Supported volunteers and staff with materials, schedules, and curricula to meet role requirements in both Transgender and Training departments. Designed then collaborated with Executive Director, as well as clinic Head Nurse and Doctor, to launch Transgender Clinic. Maintained Training and Transgender Clinic calendars and routinely met with department staff. Created outreach graphic design materials. FT curriculum as needed and in alignment with program, strategic, and mission goals and outcomes

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## SELECT INSTRUCTOR EXPERIENCE

HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE, Chicago, IL

World of Queer Cinema, Fall 2018 – Present

World of Queer Literature, Spring 2023 - Present

Mass Media & Communications, Spring 2022

Arts & Ideas, Fall 2019

HARRY S. TRUMAN COLLEGE, Chicago, IL

World of Cinema, Summer 2019 – Present

English as a Second Language, Summer 2016 – Present

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, El Paso, TX

Stories Create History; Power, Narration and the Framing of LGBTQ Events (Online), Fall 2014 – Winter 2015

RICHARD J. DALEY COLLEGE, Chicago, IL

English Composition, Fall 2014 – Spring 2015

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## COURSE DESIGN

Write in Place; Lines of Chicago, Columbia College of Chicago, Fall 2020

Stories Create History; Power, Narration and the Framing of LGBTQ Event, Fall 2014

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## LANGUAGE SKILLS

Spanish fluency in reading, writing & speaking

Extensive travel and short-term living in Mexico, Colombia, Guatemala and El Salvador.

Completed course work at language institutes in the United States and in Latin America throughout last twenty years.

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REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST