

Leanna Totten (she/her)

lmt132@pitt.edu

(425) 931-3168

Pittsburgh, PA

Education

Master of Social Work | University of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, PA | August 2024-current

- Community Organizing and Social Action Specialization

Bachelor of Arts in Human Development | Washington State University | Magna Cum Laude

Pullman, WA | August 2017-May 2021

- Minors in Sociology and Political Science

Related Education Experience

Community and Racial Equity Leadership Fellow | Center on Race and Social Problems

Pittsburgh, PA | September 2025-current

Library Social Work Fellow | Sharpsburg Community Library

Sharpsburg, PA | October 2024-April 2025

- Assist patrons in navigating social service applications, technology use, and job applications
- Developing a private website for the Sharpsburg Nonprofit Collective to increase collaboration and minimize service duplication
- Facilitated *Know Your Rights* staff training and proposed related library policy changes

Program Developer | Advocacy in Social Work Training Modules

Pittsburgh, PA | October 2024-April 2025

- Advocated for an opportunity to develop advocacy skills outside the classroom
- Assisted in the development of four training modules following the NASW Code of Ethics

Research Team Member | Annual International Conference of the Community Development Society

Columbia, MI | March-July 2019

- Coded qualitative data to support faculty members' quantitative data
- Presented published mixed-methods research aimed to dignify international program curriculum

Undergraduate Research Assistant | Improving Prevention Through Action Research Lab

Pullman, WA | January-May 2019

- Created a training video presentation for state-wide program facilitators
- Completed literature reviews and survey data entry
- Examined goal trajectories and new research in weekly research skills development meetings

Study Abroad Student | Applied Human Development

Port-au-Prince and Cap Haitian, Haiti | June 2018

- Organized and facilitated a *Leadership Building and English Language Learning* conference
- Discussed projects and legacies with nonprofit and for-profit organizations of various sizes
- Published *Haiti: Studying Abroad in a Country Most Americans Pity or Ignore* with Adobe Spark

Relevant Employment

Data Entry Clerk | Service Employees International Union: Healthcare Pennsylvania

Pittsburgh, PA | November 2023-August 2025

- Data entry for union card membership, dues processing, and bargaining unit surveys
- As-needed support for local organizing events and press conferences
- Pittsburgh branch office administrator

COVID Investigator – Employment Team Member | Snohomish Health District

Remote | May 2021-September 2021

- Facilitated COVID-19 contact tracing with Human Resource offices and their employees
- Compiled government database information and call notes to present casework to supervisors

Awards

Finalist for Adult Short Topics - *Chasing Humanity: A Pakistan Expedition* | PNWA Literary Contest | 2022

Outstanding Senior Award | WSU College of Arts, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences | 2020