

Colton C. Strawser

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Education

- University of San Diego – San Diego, CA** May 2021
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Leadership Studies (Nonprofit & Philanthropic Leadership)
- Portland State University – Portland, OR** June 2019
Graduate Certificate in Service-Learning and Community-Based Learning in Postsecondary Education
- Bay Path University – Longmeadow, MA** February 2017
Master of Science (M.S.), Nonprofit Management & Philanthropy
Graduate Certificate, Strategic Fundraising
- Bay Path University – Longmeadow, MA** October 2016
Master of Science (M.S.), Higher Education Administration (Online Teaching & Program Admin.)
- Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy – Indianapolis, IN** May 2015
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Philanthropic Studies - Minors: Civic Leadership & Policy Studies
Certificate, Nonprofit Management
Certificate, Events Management

Academic Appointments & Teaching Experience

- University of Texas at Arlington**
Lecturer in Philanthropy September 2020 – Present
- Arkansas Tech University**
Visiting Lecturer in Professional Studies – Nonprofit Management November 2017 – May 2019
- University of San Diego**
Research Fellow, Community Engagement January 2018 – Present

Professional Experience

Colton Strawser Consulting

- President, Arlington, TX* June 2012 – Present
- Oversee services in Nonprofit Organizational Development, Foundation Management Services, Education Consulting, Communications & Events Services, and Professional Development & Continuing Education.
 - Provide project guidance to a team of talented consultants located throughout the United States
 - Manage client identification, acquisition, and administration including contract writing, project design, presentations, and billing.

Strawser Auction Group

- Vice President of Communications, Wolcottville, IN* May 2005 – Present
- Design digital and printed marketing materials for a variety of audiences
 - Identify new markets to recruit additional customers and consigners from around the world
 - Market auctions locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally

The Nonprofit Institute, University of San Diego

- Doctoral Research Assistant, San Diego, CA* August 2017 – June 2020
- Provide capacity building support to nonprofit organizations in San Diego County, California
 - Assist with the development of curriculum and instruction for professional development programs as well as the master's degree in nonprofit leadership and management
 - Conduct research projects and program evaluations for The Nonprofit Institute and its clients

The Community Foundation of Muncie & Delaware County

- Program Officer, Muncie, IN* February 2016 – July 2017
- Oversaw, directed, and developed the scholarship program for the Foundation including innovative methods to market the scholarship program and serve potential and existing recipients
 - Managed the Town Endowment program for the Foundation; serving as the primary liaison to the associated grant committees and nonprofit organizations

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- Managed the Robert P. Bell Education Grants program for the Foundation; serving as the primary liaison to teachers and school administrators

Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy

Student Services & Admissions Associate, Indianapolis, IN

January 2015 – August 2015

- Provided academic advising to students in the undergraduate program
- Recruited students from around the United States for the undergraduate and masters programs
- Planned events for students including networking events and professional development workshops

Youth Philanthropy Connect

Youth Philanthropy Fellow, Studio City, CA

March 2014 – December 2014

- Assisted with the design of training curriculum
- Contributed to and implemented social media strategy to help develop YPC's online presence nationally in order to create a network of organizations working in the field of youth philanthropy
- Assisted with conference planning, set-up, and breakout session rooms at Disneyland conference

PC's For Youth

Executive Director, LaGrange, IN

September 2009 – August 2013

Director of Marketing/Fundraising, LaGrange, IN

August 2008 – April 2012

- Responsible for managing agency funds (budgets/reports, grant writing, and fund development)
- Lead organization's expansion into additional counties and established relations with a large donor base
- Managed all aspects of organization's communication efforts, including maintaining relationships with 45 schools, colleges, and adult education programs

LaGrange County Council on Aging

Director of Development, LaGrange, IN

June 2012 – July 2013

- Designed innovative programs/events to help raise funds for the organization's programming
- Assisted in the planning of the organization's first Senior Expo, which has become an annual event
- Oversaw all marketing for the organization's programs and public transportation program

Professional Service

Journal of Nonprofit Education & Leadership

Peer Reviewer

December 2017 – Present

Foundation Review

Peer Reviewer

December 2017 – Present

Journal of Philanthropy & Education

Peer Reviewer

December 2017 – Present

Journal of Nonprofit Management and Leadership

Peer Reviewer

November 2017 – Present

ProNet (National Program Officers Network)

Chair, Professional Development Committee, January 2017 – May 2018

Member, ProNet Steering Committee, January 2017 – May 2018

Member, Professional Development Committee, August 2016 – May 2018

August 2016 – May 2018

Honors & Awards

Nu Lamda Mu (Nonprofit Academic Centers Council), Lifetime Member

2016

William M. Plater Civic Engagement Medallion (IUPUI)

2015

Daily Points of Light Award recipient

2015

President's Volunteer Service Award – President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama

2008, 2012, 2014

- Awarded bronze, silver, gold, and lifetime achievement levels, as well as an additional honorary award.

Prudential Spirit of Community Award – State of Indiana Finalist

2012

LaGrange County Community Foundation Heart of Gold Recipient

2012

Certifications

Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE), 03/31/2024

CFRE International

January 2018 – Present

Certified Nonprofit Professional (CNP), Lifetime

Nonprofit Leadership Alliance

December 2017 – Present