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**Purpose:** As a Sociology and Public Policy graduate student I am well versed in social and cultural analysis. I have been trained in ethnographic research which will allow me to look critically at emerging trends in society in order to anticipate potentially problematic situations and work to mitigate them before they become vectors for abuse.

In my experience as a team lead and project manager I have learned to mediate between parties who both feel that they have been wronged. I have developed the ability to look at a grievance from multiple angles and help foster a compromise which is acceptable to all involved parties.

I have also spent a number of years as an advocate for LGBTQ+ rights and equality. As a non-binary person I have dealt, personally, with feeling alienated from both my gender and sexuality. I am able to empathize and sympathize with the emotional and mental turmoil that comes from feeling discriminated against based on those identities. As a Human Rights Commissioner for the city of Northampton, Massachusetts I worked with the Movement for Black Lives and also Catholic Charities on programs which helped to resettle refugees from the Middle East and Central Africa. The resettlement process involved aiding people in reconciling their home culture with the expectations, norms, and mores of New England.

My research in social identity theory also gives me the academic grounding in how identities shift and come into conflict during social interactions. With my Thesis work on media portrayal of migrant people coming to the US I learned about some of the prejudices and micro-aggressions which at-risk and minority people encounter on a daily basis.

By bringing these skills to bear I will be able to help ensure that our club continues to be a welcoming and safe environment for all us.

**Experience:**

NE aRST: Space - 9/2017 - Current

DST MA-005-D - 5/2017-Current

VST: Accord MA-005-D - 3/2016 - 5/2017

DC and founding member MA-005-D - 11/2015 - 4/2017

NE aRST: Awakening - 02/2012 until 06/2012

VST: Masquerade MA-004-I - 2/2011 - 6/2012

In my private life, I have worked in IT Management and IT Project Management from 2009 until 2016 and I am now pursuing graduate degrees in Sociology and Public Policy.

**Disciplinary Actions:** I have had no DAs in my time in MES or in the Camarilla.

I am a current paid member in good standing.