

# Onya ROBERTSON

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## Professional Profile

Over 10 years' experience leading, training, and collaborating with a diverse array of individuals and groups in the spirit of growth and effectiveness. My strengths include planning, coordination, and community engagement with a flair for humor, connection, and creativity.

## Education

*Bachelor of Liberal Arts*  
The Evergreen State College, Tacoma

*June 2023*

## Work Experience

### ***City of Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections***

*Management Systems Analyst*

*November 2020 - Present*

- Planned and executed creation of tree inventory program for department; gathering data and utilizing geospatial mapping to monitor and report tree impacts that are directly used to determine tree legislation.
- Create and facilitate training based on staff and workgroup needs/requests.
- Present project status and outcomes across department and stakeholders to educate, inform, and promote collaboration.
- Member of the Anti-Racist Taskforce

### ***The Evergreen State College, Tacoma Services & Activities Board***

*Coordinator*

*August 2022 – June 2023*

- Led the board in engaging, supporting, and carrying out the needs and requests of the student body.
- Intentionally bridged some gaps between the Olympia and Tacoma campuses through relationship building, inclusivity, and regular communication.
- Managed a budget of 70K while supporting board members in effective purchasing accordingly.
- Led subcommittee to raise almost 30K to send 9 students to the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in New Orleans, LA.

### ***Evergreen Empowerment Group***

*Intern*

*April 2023 - Present*

- Proficiency in legal writing and research methodology
- Built understanding of complex concepts, legal terminology and DEI protocols and principles.
- Questioned, investigated, inquired, searched, and learned from others and legal situations.
- Timely, competent, open to positive criticism, keen sense of awareness and intuitiveness to the needs of clients.

### ***Elite Change***

*Senior Consultant*

*October 2022 – May 2023*

- Community engagement through structured practices and project management
- Event planning and support, research analysis and workshop creation.

- Researched decisions in housing, food access, education, and criminal justice, how they intersect and how they can lead to equity or inequity.

### ***Washington State Legislature***

*January 2022 – March 2022*

#### ***Session Aide/Intern***

- Developed speeches, resolutions, and social media content for Senator Mona Das focusing on authenticity and empowerment.
- Portrayed a Representative in Mock Committee, sponsoring a bill that was passed into Mock Law; activities included, bill preparation, public speaking, networking, persuasion, confidence, and grace.
- Correspondence with hundreds of diverse constituents via email, phone, and in virtual meetings documenting their needs, relaying those needs to the Senator, and communicating accordingly with constituents, while providing superb documentation.

### ***You Grow Girl! (YGG!), Resource Development Director***

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*November 2017 – April 2019*

- Promoted YGG! mission of empowerment and support of all girls through outreach and engagement across Washington State
- Organized and facilitated an 8-week evidence based safe sexual health course for African American girls in Seattle Public Schools, working with over 50 girls.
- Prepared, supported, and chaperoned girls of color to the Girls Conference 2018 in Washington, DC where they lobbied on Capitol Hill.

### ***Seattle University, Strengthening Families Program (SFP)***

#### ***Trainer and Certified Lead Facilitator***

*January 2011 – April 2015*

- Worked with dozens of school-age children of color mandated by Truancy Courts.
- Facilitated activities on empathy and respect for parents/caregivers while addressing anger issues, issues with parents/circumstances, and promoting family communication and fun activities together.
- Trained over 100 parents, professionals, and educators to facilitate SFP: working with dozens of families per cohort over 4 years.

## **Board of Directors**

#### ***Member, ADEFUA Cultural Education Workshop***

*July 2018 – November 2021*

## **Volunteer Experience**

#### ***Umojafest Planning Committee, Africatown***

*April 2018 – Present*

#### ***Editor, Sankofa News, Evergreen Tacoma***

*January 2023 – June 2023*

#### ***LSAT Prep & Law Club, The Evergreen State College - Tacoma***

*January 2022 – June 2022*

#### ***Black Family Council - Lead, Beacon Hill International Elementary School***

*September 2019 – July 2020*

#### ***Seattle Human Rights Commissioner, City of Seattle***

*August 2015 – August 2016*

## *Additional notes*

*Continue the healing that I am seeing taking place*

*Raise my voice as a member of the board of trustees, Master's student, and alumni  
I'd love to work with the students and Study abroad program to ensure any student that wants to  
immerse themselves in a culture, whether it be their own or another, knows they can*

*Ensure all students have the ability to participate in the NCORE experience as either attendees or  
workshop facilitators*

*Continue to bridge the gap between Olympia and Tacoma campuses by having some presence in both  
places*

*Financial Disclosure – representative of the governor's office and the college, tracking where political  
contributions are coming from (PDC disclosure)*

*16-20 hours per month*

*Why the board*

*Role of the student trustee*

*Seated member*

*Job is to have conversations*

*Liaison position*

*Communicating and engaging is GSU*

*Works with GSU and the GSU rep to the board to make sure that whats happening with the student body  
is communicated to the board of trustee*

*The voice of the reps*

*Student experience surveys*