

JOSEPH NICHOLAS DEFILIPPIS, MSW

EDUCATION

<u>PhD, Portland State University</u>	September, 2010 – present
<u>MSW, Hunter School of Social Work</u>	September, 1997 – May 1999
<u>BA, Vassar College</u>	September, 1985 – May 1989

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Portland State University

Teaching Assistant

Fall, 2010; Winter, 2010; Spring, 2011

Worked as a Teaching Assistant for Dr. Ben Anderson-Nathe for three semesters on his “CFS490 - Sex and the Family” course.

Hunter College School of Social Work

Instructor

Taught MSW course “SSW 701 - Social Welfare Policies and Services” Summer, 2010

Taught MSW course “SSW 702 - Political Economy” Summer, 2007

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center and Queers for Economic Justice

September, 2009–May, 2010

Consultant

Hired as consultant to serve as SIFI Field Instructor for MSW graduate students in their field placements at both agencies.

Fordham University School of Social Service

Instructor

Spring 2003–Spring 2005

Taught graduate level courses: “SWGS 6319 - Social Justice” and “SWGS 6006 - Social Welfare Policy” (taught 4 semesters of these MSW courses).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Queers for Economic Justice

Executive Director, and founder

2003-2009

Founded this progressive non-profit which engages in grassroots community organizing, advocacy and lobbying, research, public education and leadership development. Responsible for developing programs, setting strategic vision for the organization, grant-writing and fundraising, hiring and supervision of staff (including community organizers, researchers, advocates, student interns, etc.) board development, fiscal management and public education. Built the organization from a coalition of organizations (see below) to a volunteer group, to an organization with a staff of five (with numerous consultants/interns and many dozens of volunteers). Led the organization to national recognition, as a result of having changed local NYC government policies, and becoming cited as a model for progressive grassroots groups across the country.

SAGE/Queens

Director

1999-2003

Designed and implemented all political, organizing, educational, cultural and social programming for this organization serving lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) senior citizens. Lobbied elected officials. Organized community events. Supervised all staff, consultants and volunteers. Wrote grant proposals, kept financial records and statistics. Designed and conducted anti-homophobia and anti-ageism trainings throughout the city. Represented organization at LGBT networks, aging services networks and public forums. Created and facilitated "Participant Advisory Council" and "Speakers' Bureau" for membership.

New York Foundation

Grants Manager

1993-1999

Handled procedures for all stages of proposals, from consideration to closure, for community organizing and advocacy organizations seeking financial support. Prepared monthly reports detailing activities of grantees and program officers. Scheduled grantee reports, site visits and grant payments. Provided grant-related administrative support to program officers. Organized and coordinated all grantee, technical assistance and/or board meetings. Scheduled all conferences.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER WORK

NYS LGBT Health And Human Services Network

Steering Committee

1999-2005

From 2002-2004, served as member of Steering Committee of this coalition of 50 social service organizations across New York. Prior to that, served for two years as member of the Network's "Education and Advocacy Committee" which trains LGBT people for lobbying, and which researches and writes the annual State of the State report about LGBT people across the New York State. Educated elected officials about aging, youth issues, substance addiction, domestic violence, mental health and other issues affecting the LGBT communities.

Welfare Reform Network

Steering Committee

1999–2002

Served as member of the steering committee of this coalition of service and advocacy organizations working together to address welfare reform and its impact on New Yorkers.

Queer Economic Justice Network

Founder and Coordinator

1999–2002

Created and coordinated this network of 60 LGBT & poverty organizations that worked together to address poverty in the LGBT community (with particular emphasis upon the impact of welfare reform on LGBT individuals, but also addressing prison reform and homelessness). Conducted research, analyzed government policies, organized community forums and conferences, conducted trainings, developed fact sheets, facilitated meetings, developed agendas and spoke publicly about LGBT poverty. Out of this network, I founded Queers for Economic Justice in 2002.

Out People of Color Political Action Committee

Founding Member

2000–2001

Co-founded this non-partisan political club, which addresses the electoral and legislative concerns of LGBT people of color by organizing community forums and public education campaigns, and by endorsing and campaigning for progressive candidates.

Forest Hills Community House

Community Organizer

1997–1999

Worked as an MSW intern. Organized lobbying activities for membership of senior citizens at various senior centers. Developed and conducted anti-homophobia trainings, presented to staffs of senior centers throughout Queens. Developed guest speaker series, designed to bring political, cultural and activist presentations to seniors in Queens.

LGBT Community Center

Public Policy MSW Intern

1998–1999

Worked with *Center Kids*, the Center's family program, on LGBT family issues such as gay marriage & domestic partnership, adoption, alternative insemination, and public school education curriculum reform. Coordinated conferences, trainings, publications, press conferences and special events.

Students for Economic Justice

Founder

1997-1999

Created and coordinated this community organizing and public education campaign, based out of Hunter College School of Social Work, to engage students throughout CUNY in issues related to welfare reform.

Queens Interagency Council on the Aging

Community Organizer

1997–1999

Initially as part of MSW internship, and later as volunteer, worked with QICA Director to organize senior citizens in Kew Gardens and Astoria around a variety of aging issues, including expansion of adult day services and funding for senior centers.

NYC Anti-Violence Project

Hotline Counselor

1996–1998

Volunteered to provide support to callers who are victims of hate crimes, domestic violence, pick-up crimes and anti-HIV/AIDS bias attacks. Also collected data and provided referrals.

Citizen Action of New York City

Organizer

1998

Volunteered on *Clean Money, Clean Elections* campaign, advocating for campaign finance reform.

Community Training & Resource Center

Volunteer

1997

Volunteered developing fact sheets and writing press releases for CTRC's work against changes in New York's regulations regarding rent controlled and rent stabilized apartments.

Hetrick-Martin Institute

Trainer

1992–1995

Volunteered as Trainer/Speaker of HMI *Speakers' Bureau*. Developed and conducted trainings in high schools, colleges and group homes designed to educate faculty, staff and youth about homosexuality and to combat homophobia.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation

Media Response

1992–1994

Volunteered as a member of GLAAD's *Media Monitoring and Response Committee*, doing outreach to major media outlets regarding their depiction of LGBT people.

PUBLICATIONS

DeFilippis, J. (Forthcoming - 2011) "A New Queer Agenda". *The Scholar and Feminist Online* (Barnard Center for Research on Women).

DeFilippis, J. (Forthcoming - 2011) "Common Ground: The Queerness of Welfare Policy". *The Scholar and Feminist Online* (Barnard Center for Research on Women).

DeFilippis, J. (2001). "Put Away Your American Flag". *New York Blade*

DeFilippis, J. (2001). "Poor Understanding". *City Limits: New York's Urban Affairs News Magazine*.

Blum, R.; DeFilippis, J.; Perrina, B.A. (2000). "Why Welfare is a Queer Issue". *New York University Review of Law and Social Change* (0048-7481), 26, p. 201.

AWARDS

SAMHSA Fellowship, 2010 and 2011

Recipient of the Council on Social Work Education's Minority Fellowship, funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and member of their Minority Fellowship Program.

Union Square Award, 2004

\$50,000, in recognition of my work as the founder of Queers for Economic Justice.

MEDIA PROFILES

Nationally recognized as a leader in LGBT community; have been profiled by local and national newspapers (New York Times, Daily News, Newsday, Village Voice, LGNY, The Blade, Bay Area Windows, Ripe magazine, etc.), radio (NPR, Homo-Radio, WBAI's OutFM, GAY-B-C Radio, Les-bi-gay Radio, etc.) and television (Gay Cable Network, Agenda 2000, MNN, etc.)

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Academic Presentations and Conferences

Columbia University School of Social Work. November, 2008. "*Community Organizing and Social Work*". New York.

New York University. October, 2008. "*Beyond Marriage*". New York.

Columbia University School of Social Work. May, 2008. "*Community Organizing in Low-Income Communities*". New York.

New York University Fall, 2006. "*Poverty Issues in the LGBT Community*". Silver School of Social Work.

New York University November, 2005. "*Welfare Reform and Sexuality*". Silver School of Social Work.

Socialist Scholars Conference. March, 2004. "*The Relationship Between The Left and the Gay Movement*". New York.

New School, May, 2002. "*Economic Impacts on Communities of Color*" New School's conference "Raising Consciousness Conference IV: Communities of Color Post 9/11". New York.

Lesbian & Gay Law Association of Greater NY. February, 2000. "*The Impact of Welfare Reform on the LGBT Community*". 'Queer Law Conference'. New York.

Professional and Community-Based Conferences

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. February, 2008. “*First, Class: Economic Justice Issues in the LGBT Movement*” and “*Beyond Marriage*”. Facilitated an all-day institute at the annual ‘Creating Change’ conference. Detroit.

Young Democratic Socialist Conference. February, 2008. “*Beyond Same-Sex Marriage: An Agenda for the Queer Left*”. New York.

CHAMP. May, 2007. “*HIV/AIDS and the Fight for Universal Health Care: Bridging the Movements*”. New York.

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. November, 2006. “*Class, Poverty and the Queer Agenda*”. At the annual ‘Creating Change’ conference. Kansas City, Mo

United States Social Forum. June, 2006. “*Building a Queer Left*” Organized and facilitated an all-day summit with over 75 organizations from 25 different states. Atlanta.

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. November, 2005. “*Economic Justice in America*”. At the annual ‘Creating Change’ conference. Oakland, CA

LGBT Community Center. November, 2004. “*A Progressive Queer Agenda*”. Community forum on post-presidential election results. New York.

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. November, 2004. “*Poverty in Our Communities*”. At the annual ‘Creating Change’ conference. St. Louis.

CHAMP. November, 2004. “*Economic Justice*”. New York.

LGBT Community Center. April, 2004. “*Love and Marriage: Bush Style*”. New York.

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. November, 2003. “*Welfare Reform Reauthorization*”. At the annual ‘Creating Change’ conference. Miami.

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. November, 2002. “*Corporate Welfare*”. At the annual ‘Creating Change’ conference. Portland, OR.

Riverside Church, April, 2002. “*Racism in the Gay Community*”. New York.

LGBT Community Center. February, 2002. “*After September 11th: Where Do We Go From Here?*” community forum. New York.

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. November, 2001. “*Corporate Welfare*”. At the annual ‘Creating Change’ conference. Milwaukee.

N.Y.S. Gay & Bisexual Men and People of Transgender Experience Health Summit.

October, 2001. *“Fatal Attraction: Tobacco Funding and Health Communication in the LGBT Community (and the role of corporate influence on the LGBT movement)”*. New York.

Brecht Forum. October, 2001. *“Queer People of Color and Community Organizing”*. New York.

Brookdale Center on Aging .September, 2001. *“LGBT Geriatric Issues”*. New York.

Empire State Pride Agenda. July, 2001. *“Candidates’ Forum”*. Asked to moderate a candidates’ forum (organized by Empire State Pride Agenda, Gay Men’s Health Crisis and the LGBT Community Center) where candidates running for City Council were interviewed community leaders. New York.

LGBT Community Center. June, 2001. *“Charitable Choice and the Funding of Faith Based Organizations By The Federal Government”* New York.

Office of Manhattan Borough President. May, 2001. *“Homelessness and NYC’s Shelter System”*. New York.

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. November, 2000. *“Political Activism and Community Organizing with Senior Citizens”*. At the annual ‘Creating Change’ conference. Atlanta.

Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center. October, 2000. *“Issues at Stake for LGBT Voters in 2000 Election”*. New York.

LLEGO. October, 2000. *“Aging in the LGBT Community”*. At the annual ‘El Encuentro’ conference for LGBT Latino activists. New York.

LGBT Community Center. September, 2000. *“Welfare Made A Difference”*. New York.

The Queens Mental Health Council. May, 2000. *“The Redefinition of Family in the 21st Century”*. At ‘The Once and Future Senior’ conference. New York.

Senior Action in a Gay Environment. May, 2000. *“Starting an LGBT Senior Center”*. At the annual ‘National Aging Conference’. New York.

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. November, 1999. *“Common Enemies: How The Right Wing Uses the Same Strategies Against Poor People and LGBT People”*, At the annual ‘Creating Change’ conference. Oakland, CA.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.