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EDUCATION/CERTIFICATIONS

- **University of Metaphysical Sciences – Arcata, CA** Bachelor of Metaphysical Sciences (B.Msc) 2022
Master of Metaphysical Sciences (M.Msc) 2023
Doctor of Philosophy of Metaphysics (PhD) 2024
Ordained Reverend – Wisdom of the Heart Church
MBA /Project Management June 2009
- **Keller Graduate School of Management – Austin, TX**
- **The University of Texas at Austin – Austin, TX** BA Government May 2005
- **Certified Master Life Coach – Transformation Academy** December 2023
- **Master Level Reiki Practitioner** November 2023
- **Florida Real Estate License** 2021 - Presence
- **Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)** January 2018
- **Certified Inspector General Auditor (CIGA)** March 2016
- **Certified Government Auditing Professional (CGAP)** June 2009

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, and ABILITIES

- **Languages** – English and Spanish (Fluent)
- **18 Years of Experience in all aspects of Government Audit and Compliance Management**
- **Complex Risk Management and Analysis Experience**
- **Governmental and Community Project, Contract and Grant Management experience**
- **Recent and Extensive Project and program management experience, including PMBOK**
- **Computer Knowledge** – Microsoft Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Outlook, Project, OneNote), Audit Command Language (ACL) and TeamMate Electronic Working Paper software, Accounting programs (PeachTree, Quickbooks, MS Dynamics), Wordpress, Social Media (Facebook, X, Pinterest, LinkedIn, Instagram, SnapChat)

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Pleasant City First Neighborhood Association February 2023 - Present
President

2022 - Present

CRA Advisory Board Member – Representing the Pleasant City Community

March 2017 – Present

South Florida Water Management District – West Palm Beach, FL
Inspector General Lead Consulting Auditor

- Conduct operational and Information Technology (IT) internal audits of activities for the SFWMD jurisdiction.
- Review and evaluate internal controls of agency departments, policies, and systems.
- Conduct all phases of audits from Planning to reporting and follow-up.
- Stay abreast of trends in Information Systems Management including governance and standard updates.

Palm Beach Co. Inspector General – West Palm Beach, FL June 2015 – March 2017
Auditor III (Senior Auditor)

- Conduct or supervise operational/financial audits of governmental activities for departments, offices, boards, agencies and activities under control of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners and any agencies subject to Inspector General jurisdiction.
- Evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of the management controls over governmental activities and determine whether the activities are in compliance with laws, policies/procedures and good business practices.
- Conduct or participate in entrance and/or exit conferences with Department Directors and/or Assistant County Administrators and/or Municipal/Agency Managers.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality – Austin, TX
Audit Project Manager

August 2014 – June 2015

- Perform advanced, operational, and compliance audits, process improvements, and risk assessments for the Chief Auditor's Office of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), ensuring compliance with applicable government standards, guidelines, and best practices.
- Review or oversee the review of applicable laws, regulations, procedures, documents, controls, and other criteria.
- Prepare and/or review working papers to document work performed and evidence gathered to satisfy audit procedures.
- Train junior staff on audit procedures, documentation, evidence gathering and use of system software (TeamMate EWP) for effective auditing.
- Participate in establishing and accomplishing the annual audit plans, goals, and objectives of the Chief Auditor's Office.

Texas Veterans Commission – Austin, TX
Lead Grant Monitor (Contract Specialist III)

March 2011 – October 2012

- Create and lead the grant monitoring program for Fund for Veterans' Assistance.
- Manage Grant Monitoring Team by conducting risk analysis, maintaining monitoring schedule, leading monitoring correspondence from department, and representing the Monitoring team at department meetings.
- Review internal controls and reporting of grant recipient organizations to assess their appropriateness and compliance with contract terms, state laws and federal regulations.
- Assist grant organizations with development of strategies and goals and create systems to evaluate program performance and effectiveness.
- Research State and Federal laws and rules to ensure grant programs, policies and procedures are in compliance.

State Auditor's Office – Austin, TX
Staff Auditor

June 2008 – March 2011

- Conduct management, information technology, financial and compliance audit projects according to the yearly audit plan for State agencies and organizations that are funded using public (tax) funds.
- Research the external agency's strategic plan, policies, procedures, and objectives and determined areas of improvement for efficiency and effectiveness of operations.
- Review internal controls of external agencies and organizations to assess their appropriateness and strength.
- Develop audit findings and recommendations that result in cost savings, service improvement, or revenue enhancement.
- Present audit findings and recommendations to audit team management, the State Auditor, and client management.

Texas Dept. of Public Safety - Austin, TX
Program Auditor

February 2006 – May 2008

- Conduct compliance audits of invoices submitted to ensure that requested funds are in compliance with contracts, policies, and state/federal laws
- Conduct on-site reviews of claims from State agencies, cities, counties, and private non-profit sub grantees in compliance with federal standards
- Work with government officials regarding completion of authorized work, cost documentation and submittal of claims
- Create the Border Security Audit Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) currently in use
- Train newly hired auditors and provided feedback on performance
- Create training materials used for training outside jurisdictions on how to properly complete invoices submitted for payment.
- Assist with the Local Border Security Program Grant/Contract update and implementation