

Tara-Marie Desruisseaux

Education

Ph.D. in Urban Education Policy

University of Southern California

- K-12 Policy Concentration
- Advisor: Dr. David Quinn

Expected June 2022

Los Angeles, CA

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Duke University

- Minor in Education
- GPA: 3.69

Awarded December 2016

Durham, NC

Research Interests

I am interested in the role that teachers of color play on students of color, particularly in shaping and the attitudes that students of color have towards mathematics.

Research Experience

Research Assistant

Duke TeachHouse

- Wrote a literature review on early career teacher attrition to help establish a framework for effective mentorship and stress reduction practices for Duke's TeachHouse program

Spring 2016

Durham, NC

Researcher

Jatan Sansthan

- Designed and executed a research project on the education of girls in India's slums and rural villages
- Analyzed India's educational policies to combat school dropouts and non-enrollment

Fall 2015

Rajasthan, India

Duke Engage Fellow

Women's Institute for Secondary Education and Research

- Conducted workshops on self-esteem and women's empowerment for high school girls
- Coached girls in developing leadership skills, driving social change, and preventing teen pregnancies
- Taught English and math to middle school students in three local schools

Summer 2015

Migori County, Kenya

Employment

Middle School Teacher

Excellence Boys Charter School

- Collaborate with the Learning Support Team to develop strategies for struggling scholars
- Teach Common Core Algebra I to three classes of eighth-grade students
- Develop curriculum for eighth-grade math small group instruction

2017-2018

Brooklyn, NY

Summer Teaching Fellow

Uncommon Schools

- Taught mathematics to rising sixth graders in the Uncommon Schools network

Summer 2016

Brooklyn, NY

After-School Instructor

2014-2015

Student U

Durham, NC

- Worked as an academic coach to fifteen eighth-grade students
- Built relationships with parents and functioned as a bridge between them and schools
- Led a course that empowered students with knowledge and skills necessary for college

Summer Academy Middle School Teacher

Summer 2014

Student U

Durham, NC

- Served as an eighth-grade math teacher