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## OVERVIEW

Morgan is a creative and progressive maker and program development specialist with a background in children's studies, human development, and international education. He uses his experience working with diverse communities around the world and his global, modern, interdisciplinary, and holistic mindset to work alongside children to build programs, systems, and services that support and celebrate children.

## MY APPROACH

Work holistically and across disciplines.  
Stay inspired by the motivations of children.  
Collaborate with the village around the child.  
Appreciate that children are powerful.

WHAT IF ?

## EDUCATION

### M.S.ED. INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

University of Pennsylvania | Philadelphia, PA | May 2018

If we hope to improve systems designed for children, we have to understand the development of children in their specific contexts. My dual degree at University of Pennsylvania focused on understanding the complexities of learning to inform the development, implementation and measurement of sustainable learning and education interventions.

### BA | CHILDREN'S STUDIES

Eastern Washington University | Cheney, WA | May 2016

The curriculum of this interdisciplinary program provides a strong holistic background in the study of children, from birth to adolescence. Theory and practice, from a variety of disciplines, form the basis for this integrated curriculum. Children's studies courses provide foundational and global perspectives of children and childhood.

## EXPERIENCE

### PROGRAM SPECIALIST | 2018 - PRESENT

The Asia Foundation | San Francisco, CA

Lead the development of a multi country initiative to publish and translate children's books in local languages while promoting the importance of reading. Develop innovative strategies to engage children's voices in planning, implementing, and measuring the program. Collaborate with diverse teams across Asia to significantly accelerate the program while increasing and diversifying the program funding portfolio.

### CHILDREN'S CONTENT SPECIALIST | 2016 - 2018

Sesame Workshop India & Whiz Kids | New Delhi & Addis Ababa

Supported the development of television content for Galli Galli Sim Sim in India including engaging stakeholder voices, developing scripts, presenting research and publishing reports. Supported the development of an accelerated basic education program for out of school children in rural Ethiopia built on a new locally produced television program called Tibebe Girls.

### COMMUNITY YOUTH PROGRAMS DIRECTOR | 2014 - 2016

Odyssey Youth Movement | Spokane, WA

Responsible for employing diverse research methods to cultivate a strong understanding of how LGBTQ teens experience educational environments. Led a team of middle schoolers and high schoolers to develop and implement strategies to improve school climate across Spokane Public School District and support mechanisms to increase on-time graduation.

### YOUTH PROGRAM QUALITY CONSULTANT | 2013 - 2014

CampFire Inland Northwest | Spokane, WA

Led a program quality team ranging from 7 year olds to 77 year olds to develop a program quality assurance model for two overnight summer camps and designed and implemented an iterative after school program for low-income middle schoolers that changed and evolved every week based on the real time needs of the children.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Francis B. Huston Award for Leadership and Academic Excellence | EWU

Dean's Honored Student Award | EWU

Outstanding Graduating Senior | EWU

### PRESENTATIONS AND ARTICLES

The Book Effect Published by Thomson Reuters April 2019

The Last Mile: Making sure digital libraries deliver on their promise 2019 CIES

The Word of the Day is "Adaptation": Sesame Model of Development 2018 CIES

Playwork and Adventure Play 2017 Sesame Workshop India

Muppets and Early Childhood 2017 University of Pennsylvania GSE