

Post: BI News and volunteer recruitment officer

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#### Personal statement

Before obtaining a PhD in Public Policy, I worked for several years as a foster care caseworker and witnessed the need for larger policy change to address social inequality and injustice. I am currently an Associate Professor of Social Work at Appalachian State University and serve as Board President for the ACLU of North Carolina. Through my research on welfare and economic justice, I am increasingly convinced that our current social safety net is broken beyond repair and must be replaced by some form of basic income. In the past year, I also had the pleasure of serving as the BI News and Volunteer Recruitment Manager for BIEN and oversaw the formalization of our volunteer recruitment and training processes. I look forward to the opportunity to continue supporting BIEN in its important work.