

Dr. Zuleka Randell Dauda (Woods)

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International development and governance specialist with expertise in program design, institutional strengthening, public health equity, and policy evaluation. Proven leadership across higher education, nonprofit management, and global partnerships in West Africa and the United States.

Core Competencies

Program Development | Monitoring & Evaluation | Capacity Building | Strategic Planning | Grant Development | Governance Reform | Public Health Equity | Stakeholder Engagement

Professional Experience

- Chief Program Officer, Center for Integrated Solutions (Liberia), December 2022–Present. Lead multi-sector programs (Education, WASH, Governance); develop sustainability strategies; oversee research, partnerships, and grant acquisition.
- International Students Research Associate, Graduate School Office of Recruitment, Diversity and Inclusion August 2019- 2022. Provided support for programs for students from Africa and Middle East while conducting research and evaluation on diverse teaching and learning initiatives.
- First Generation Student Programs, Ferrum College, 2017–2019. Managed retention strategy, supervised staff, administered budget, and increased first-year engagement initiatives.
- Senior Director, Admissions, Records & Registration, Tubman University, 2015–2017. Supervised 8 staff; managed enrollment systems serving 1,400+ students; strengthened institutional processes.
- Founder, Kporma (Liberia-focused nonprofit), 2014–2015. Led fundraising and shipped \$15,000+ in medical supplies during Ebola crisis; established rural afterschool resource center.
- Recruitment Officer, Northeastern University, 2012-2015. Assisted in managing and serving the international student population through programs and cultural exchanges, developed and maintained database of cultural experiences for international students

Education

Virginia Tech -Blacksburg, VA ● **Ph.D., Planning, Governance & Globalization**, 2025

Virginia Tech -Blacksburg, VA ● **MPH., Public Health**, 2023

Virginia Tech -Blacksburg, ● **Certificate, Future Professoriate**, 2022

Virginia Tech -Blacksburg, ● **Certificate, Nonprofit and NGO Management**, 2022

Northeastern University — Boston, MA ● **Masters, Higher Education**, 2013

Johns Hopkins - Baltimore, MD ● **Certificate/Injury Prevention**, 2013

Northeastern University – Boston, MA ● **Bachelor's, Psychology and Cultural Anthropology**, 2011

Service

Deputy Editor- IBB Interdisciplinary Academic Journal – University of Liberia – 2025- Present

Board Member- Teach For Liberia – 2024- Present

Research Director – Liberia Cancer Resource Initiative – 2025- Present

President— Virginia Tech African Graduate Student Organization -2022- 2023

Secretary – Black Women Solidarity Writing Group – 2021 -Present

President, Community Collaborative Change - 2021 - 2022

Representative, College of Architecture and Urban Studies DEI Advisory Committee 2020 – 2022

Tutor and Translator, Dorcas International Institute – 2014 - 2015