



**Sheltreese D. McCoy**

**Outstanding Social Justice Practice Award, 2017**

***The University of Wisconsin-Madison***



Sheltreese D. McCoy (She her hers) is a Black, fat, queer, disabled, cis femme who knows social justice is a tool to liberation. She is also a great grand-daughter of slaves, a daughter poverty, a 1st generation student, and one of the few who was given the opportunities to “beat the odds.” Her first political act was at the age of 14 and since then she never stopped believing she could change the world. Now-a-days she realizes how much work she must do in community to make that happen. She is currently a doctoral candidate who is researching the TQSOC experiences within cultural centers.

When she is not knee deep in research, she is working for the nation’s first university supported initiative she crafted for Trans and Queer students of color at UW- Madison, called Crossroads. And as if that was not enough she regularly travels around the country doing socially just strategic planning & trainings for other colleges and universities through her company, Radical Higher Education Innovations, LLC. When she gets pessimistic about the work she remembers all the mothers who conspired to get her to this point and beyond.

