

Background:

I was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin surrounded by three generations of my family.

Education:

- BA in English, Minor in Religious Studies from Butler University 1997
- MSW (Masters of Social Work) from Indiana University 2005

Previous Work:

- Program Manager at The Mountain 2006-2008 focusing on Elderhostel and Peace Programs
- Served two years in AmeriCorps at the Peace Learning Center, facilitating conflict awareness, peace leadership, and social justice workshops for both youth and adults in Indianapolis
- Assistant Women's Soccer Coach at The University of Missouri
- Soccer Player with FC Puistola in Helsinki, Finland
- Ten years experience as a competitive youth soccer coach



Alisa Pykett

Director of Program and Research

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What attracted you to The Mountain? I was attracted to The Mountain because it was doing the work of peace and justice in a remote natural setting. I believed that the unique environment coupled with the values of the organization would serve as a catalyst for the transformational work that I wanted to help facilitate. I also wanted to work with a community of people who had a shared vision around peacebuilding.

What would you like to accomplish in your work at The Mountain? I want to contribute to the movement to bring peacebuilding and meaning to the center of our society. I want to create an environment where young adults feel supported as they ask big questions and find their roles in working for the common good.

About your family: I have a large and supportive family, mostly in Wisconsin.

What do you find most important in life? Learning, increasing understanding, building community, and commitment to the common good are most important to me.