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Summary

- Valuable experience in climate change adaptation, science education, and marine conservation
- Passionate about building relationships between communities and environmental policy makers

Relevant Experience:

The University of Maine Orono, Maine

Teaching Assistant: Intro to Marine Policy and Fisheries Management *August 2021 - December 2021*

- Analyze literature and publications on the class topic in order to support the professor in preparing for exams, lessons, and assignments for student use.
- Grade and evaluate students' exams and assignments to ensure they adequately understood the major objectives of the course.

The Lobster Institute Orono, Maine

Research Assistant *January 2021 - July 2021*

- Worked with a team of natural scientists, economists and social scientists to understand the resilience of Maine's lobster fishery through fish stock analysis, financial patterns and social structures and habits.
- Analyzed oral history and interviews to organize themes and data which is then transferred to code for use in software programming and published research.

The Rainbow Resource Center Orono, Maine

Graduate Assistant *September 2020 - December 2020*

- Supported the center in raising awareness of LGBTQ issues across campus through education, advocacy, program advisement, training, and student leadership development.
- Created publications through social media directed at student organizations and the student body to communicate department resources.

Peace Corps Los Santos, Panamá

Community Environmental Conservation Volunteer *February 2018-March 2020*

- Acted as an advocate, teacher and environmental liaison for a community in rural Panama by partnering with national agencies to implement service learning and leadership projects on behalf of our community.
- Initiated an environmental committee utilizing media outlets, public forums and campaigning practices. This endeavor saw increased participation from three members to 35, and motivation for future environmental activities in the community.
- Organized the cooperation of government agencies, elected officials, international NGO's and community members to implement a reforestation project resulting in 430 trees planted.
- Coordinated artisan workshops for youth and women over 40, which allowed community members enhanced skills on marketing items while focusing on their environmental impacts.

Council for International Educational Exchange Lisbon, Portugal

Program Leader *July 2017*

- Acted as a cultural and linguistic liaison between students and the local community, while providing academic mentorship to high school students studying Aquatic Ecosystems and Sustainability.
- Managed safety and security for 35 students while traveling throughout Portugal, liaising with international universities, department heads, and local US offices to ensure the students' needs were met.

Compass Coffee Washington DC

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Director of Outreach

January 2017-July 2017

- Recruited qualified candidates to support a company of 125+ employees while maintaining a strong pipeline for future talent. Managed to advertise the role by planning and executing promotional events, community activities, and on campus engagement at local universities.
- Designed and facilitated professional development training sessions for 10 newly hired employees each week while running the training for current baristas advancing in leadership.

Compass Coffee

Washington DC

Barista

October 2016-January 2017

- Displayed the ability to multi-task in a high-volume and fast-paced work environment
- Worked independently and in a team environment while providing a positive customer service experience

North Carolina Aquarium

Manteo, North Carolina

Special Activities Instructor

May 2016-October 2016

- Presented educational programs to international audiences concerning conservation policies, species profiles of nearly 80 animals, and animal anatomy and behavior labs.
- Conducted field research, ecological education, and species collection for school and private groups in coastal and wetland habitats.
- Collaborated with community heritage organizations to engage a wider audience including youth, working professionals and tourists of the island.

Science Center of Iowa

Des Moines, IA

Programs Presenter

March 2015-May 2016

- Facilitated labs and interactive programs on scientific topics such as: geology, chemistry, ecology, environmental stewardship, biology, astronomy, and physics.
- Worked with schools, summer camps, private groups and public audiences (up to 250 participants) to effectively communicate scientific learning in an engaging and approaching manner.

Education:

- **Bachelors of Arts, Cinema:** University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, *August 2011-May 2015*
- **Masters of Science, Marine Policy:** University of Maine, Orono, ME, *August 2020-current;*
 - *Cumulative GPA 3.9*
- **Publishings:** Farquhar S.D.; Morrill, K.S; Sims, Sebastian; 2017. *Learning From the Leader: Why is China's Aquaculture Industry so Successful?.*

Relevant Coursework:

- Research Methods and Design: Introduction to social science techniques and R; *Fall 2020*
- International Environmental Economics and Policy; *Fall 2020*
- Oceanography and Natural History in the Gulf of Maine; *Spring 2021*
- Geographical Information Systems; *Fall 2021*
- Resource Management and Cross Cultural Perspectives; *Fall 2021*

Volunteer Experience:

Surfrider Foundation

Boston, MA

Member/Volunteer

September 2017 - February 2018

- Met with local restaurants and supporters to advocate for sustainable behavior, beach cleanups, and social events to raise awareness for conservation

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Blue Vision Summit Conference

Washington DC

Conference Volunteer

May 2, 2017 - May 11, 2017

- Strategized tactics to lobby against offshore ocean drilling and in support of conscience, sustainable alternatives
- Met with CEOs and presidents of major marine conservation minded organizations such as Oceana, Surfrider, Mission Blue and Pew Charitable Trust Fund

Smithsonian National Zoo

Washington DC

Asian Trail Interpreter

January 2017-March 2017

- Generated educational discussion and creative process for endangered or vulnerable animals within our facility
- Conversated with visitors on such topics as animal behavior, biology, habitat loss, conservation and breeding efforts and role as ambassador animals for the zoo

Network for Endangered Sea Turtles

Outer Banks, NC

Nest Sitter; Interpreter; First Responder - 75 hours

July 2016-October 2016

- Educated public on sea turtle biology, habitat, behavior, and conservation efforts
- Attended trainings and educational sessions to ensure adequate content and procedural knowledge

Outer Banks Marine Mammal Stranding Network

Outer Banks, NC

Interpreter; First Responder

July 2016-October 2016

- Assessed stranded animals' health status, responded to distress, and assisted veterinarian in animal care
- Facilitated public discussion concerning animals' status, necropsies, educational significance, and animal biology and behavior

Outer Banks Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Outer Banks, NC

Animal Care Volunteer

July 2016-October 2016

- Lead dogs on walks for fitness and enrichment, using appropriate commands and procedures

InterExchange

Madrid, Spain

Conversation Coach

September 2015-November 2015

- Planned and executed international travel for self and up to five companions to over 20 cities
- Generated bilingual discussion and activities in a creative manner to appeal to elementary age children and families

Training

- Proficient with ArcGIS Pro, R coding software, MS Office, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook, Google Docs, Adobe Reader, Photoshop
- Naui Advanced Open Water:
 - Capable of scuba diving up to 100 feet underwater
 - Educated in basic open water rescue response
- Certified Interpretive Guide through the National Association for Interpretation
- First Aid/CPR/AED Certified
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Foreign Language:

- Three years university level Spanish
- Two years Spanish immersion in Panamá