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Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - May 2025

- Bachelor of Science in Biology
- Bachelor of Arts in Geography
- GPA: 3.5
- Carolina Scientific Design Editor and Illustrator
- USFQ Ecology Student, May June 2023

Experience

Research Assistant (September 2023 - May 2025)

Department of Geography, UNC Chapel Hill | Advisor: Javier Arce-Nazario

- Ecuadorian Map Vectorization Project
 - Vectorized a collection of hand drawn maps completed by a community in the Ecuadorian
 - o Balanced the preservation of cultural authenticity in the original map while incorporating modern design elements
 - o Produced physical copies of the vectorized maps to the community to keep long term
- Princeville Cemetery Mapping
 - Developed an interactive web map of the historic Wilson Cemetery in Princeville, NC the first chartered Black Town in America as a resource for residents to easily view information about their late relatives
 - o Collected cemetery data using a differential GPS and Survey123
 - o Flew drones to collect aerial data
 - o Collected Lidar data to create 3D representations of the headstones for the web map
- Tarboro Community Garden
 - Designed a map of the garden using Adobe Illustrator
 - Cataloged plant species and researched their cultivation and ecological details
 - Created botanical illustrations using Procreate to visually display native and edible plants in the garden

Research Assistant (May - June 2023)

Universidad San Francisco de Quito | Professor: Senay Yitbarek

- Conducted field work to compare microbes at varying elevations and locations
- Sampled soil from different elevations and recorded coordinates
- Performed DNA extractions on said soil for microbial analysis
- Measured the optical density of the DNA to test its quality and ensure accuracy

Skills

ArcGIS, ArcGIS Online, QGIS, Microsoft Office, R, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, Adobe Illustrator, GPS Data Collection, Open water scuba certification

Awards and Honors

- John W. Florin Award Best Research Paper on the United States (2025)
- Dean's List Fall 2021, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025