

# AMY M. KOPALE

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## EDUCATION

### **M.A. GEOGRAPHY, Environmental Policy Focus | MAY 2019 (expected)**

University of Iowa  
Iowa City, Iowa

### **B.A. GEOGRAPHY, Environmental Studies Focus | MAY 2017**

University of Iowa  
Iowa City, Iowa  
Political Science Minor

### **SEMESTER ABROAD | JANUNARY-APRIL 2016**

University of Strathclyde  
Glasgow, United Kingdom  
Politics Program

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **TEACHING ASSISTANT – UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**

**August 2017 – Current**

- Lead discussion sections for Contemporary Environmental Issues
- Design learning materials and develop interactive exercises for undergraduate students
- Participate in weekly meetings with main instructor and other TAs
- Use different pedagogical tools to help ensure student learning and success
- Grade all student assignments, papers, and exams
- Provide additional assistance outside of scheduled class time
- Co-manage the Geographical Information Systems Instructional Lab

### **EVENT TECHNICIAN – UNIVERSITY OF IOWA RECREATIONAL SERVICES**

**January 2017 – Current**

- Run HY-TEK meet manager system and Daktronics equipment for collegiate and USA Swimming swim meets
- Set up, manage, and tear down all necessary equipment to successfully run high profile swim meets and diving competitions, including NCAA Championship Meets
- Trouble shoot both simple and complicated technological and electrical problems in a fast-paced, high-stress environment

### **RECREATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR – UNIVERSITY OF IOWA RECREATIONAL SERVICES (full-time position)**

**July 2017 – September 2017**

Promoted from Head Lifeguard

- Directly supervise a staff of 120+ college students
- Develop and run training for entire aquatics staff
- Edit manuals, emergency action plans, and review packets for staff
- Actively participate in the search for a full time Assistant Aquatics Director
- Teach and train the new Assistant Aquatics Director

- Balance full time duties with full time graduate student coursework and teaching assistant duties

## **RISK MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT – UNIVERSITY OF IOWA RECREATIONAL SERVICES**

**October 2016 – May 2017**

- Develop audit scenarios and forms for 400+ Recreational Services employees
- Conduct Emergency Preparedness Audits for student and professional staff members
- Provide written summaries of audits to the Risk Manager
- Design and implement training programs for department employees, focusing on CPR skills and AED use
- Provide individualized feedback to each employees

## **HEAD LIFEGUARD – UNIVERSITY OF IOWA RECREATIONAL SERVICES**

**June 2014 – June 2017**

Promoted from Lifeguard (August 2013-June 2014)

- Co-manage a student staff of 90+ lifeguards
- Complete and file legal documents including accident reports, incident reports, and American Red Cross certifications for staff
- Design, implement, and lead monthly training programs that include presentations and skill-specific activities for lifeguard staff
- Interact daily with all different people, including non-English speakers and people with physical and learning disabilities
- Contribute to weekly meetings with coworkers and supervisors to discuss current work-related issues, problem solving, and event preparation

## **EXTRACURRICULARS AND LEADERSHIP**

- University of Iowa Club Water Polo
  - Vice President (2016-2017)
  - Captain (2015), (2016-2017)
  - Collegiate Water Polo Association Academic All-American (2013-2014, 2014-2015)
- Ecosystem Field Studies Course – July-August 2015
  - Immersive course focused on scientific research in climatology, geology, geography, and ecology
  - Designed and completed an observation-based thesis while living off-grid in the Rocky Mountains
- Student Leadership Committee – Recreational Services
  - Worked to facilitate communication between professional staff and student staff
  - Arranged professional development and volunteer opportunities for student staff
- 2017 Chad E. Smith Award - awarded by faculty vote to an outstanding undergraduate student in the Geographical & Sustainability Sciences department
- Students Today, Alumnae Tomorrow member
- Undergraduate Geography Association member
- Iowa Community Integrated Geography Organization member
- Extracurriculars while abroad
  - Club Water Polo member and MVP
  - Club Swimming member
  - Undergraduate Politics Association