**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 ASSISSTANT – 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 ASSISSTANT – 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