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SKILLS

Qualitative Research
Ethnography
Participant Observation
Interviewing
Surveys & Questionnaires
Focus Groups
Literature Reviews

Coding Languages
Python
SQL
HTML/CSS
JavaScript

Analysis & Visualization
NumPy
Pandas
Matplotlib
Seaborn

Machine Learning
Scikit-learn
TensorFlow

Languages
French
Spanish
English

EDUCATION

Université de Toulouse MA in Anthropology
Toulouse, France | September 2016 - September 2018
Highest Honors (4.0 GPA)

University of Mary Washington BA in Anthropology
Fredericksburg, Virginia | August 2009 - May 2013
Summa Cum Laude (3.79 GPA)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Substitute Teacher Fairfax County Public Schools
Fairfax, Virginia | January 2020 - Present
Provide distance learning support to special education students at Garfield Elementary School.
Collaborate with grade level teachers and subject matter specialists to develop lesson plans adapted to individual student needs.
Assess performance and track progress of 5 kindergarten and 1st grade students.

Administrative Associate Raymond Badiou Middle School
Toulouse, France | September 2017 - September 2019
Assessed and resolved problems in the school's daily operations, and authored reports for senior administrators concerning major incidents.
Collaborated with team members to design and implement process improvements for disciplinary procedures and study hall protocols.
Communicated with families to relay information and address any questions or concerns.

English Language Instructor Independent Contractor
Toulouse, France | August 2015 - August 2017
Wrote, designed, and produced 10 2-hour lessons weekly.
Evaluated clients needs, strengths, and deficiencies, and tracked progress over time through diagnostic exams.

PROJECTS

Dwelling in Monastic Space Master's Thesis
Toulouse, France | September 2016 - September 2018
Wrote grant proposals for and was twice awarded the Université de Toulouse's selective field research grant (<10% of applicants accepted).
Collected, organized, and analyzed quantitative and qualitative data.
Managed financial and logistical aspects of 5 months of ethnographic fieldwork in El Rosal, Colombia and Fontgombault, France.
Presented research at two conferences: *Anthropologie spécialisée* (December 2017) and *Empreintes sonores* (December 2018).

Le Couvent de Saint-Geniez Collaborative Field Work
Saint-Geniez-d'Olt, France | November 2016
Performed ethnographic fieldwork with two researchers, including 15+ hours of stakeholder interviews and 30+ hours of participant observation.
Wrote and delivered a presentation discussing research and results at the conference *L'apparent & l'invisible* (December 2016)
Drafted, edited, and formatted an article for publication in *Les Annales du Midi*.