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Education

University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA
MA in Education, Single Subject Teaching Credential Physics, Industrial and Technology Education Credential

University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
BA in Physics and Molecular and Cell Biology

Experience

Physics, Astronomy and Engineering Teacher | Science Department Chair
El Cerrito High School, El Cerrito, CA

- Developed and taught five courses: AP Physics, Conceptual Physics, Honors Astronomy, Honors Engineering (project-based), and AP Computer Science for students from a wide range of socioeconomic backgrounds.

UC Berkeley SETI Summer Research Intern
UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

- Worked with Dr. Steve Croft to test “Turboseti”, an algorithm designed to extract candidate ET signals from noisy data, on Voyager 1 using the Green Bank Telescope in West Virginia.
- Created two Jupyter Notebook educational tutorials on GitHub, one for Turboseti and the other on an ML reverse image search.
- Built a DIY radiotelescope and imaged data using GNU Radio software.

Summer Camp Songleader, Wilderness Leader, Supervisor and Counselor
Camp Tawonga, Groveland, CA

- 5 summers leading music for the 500-person community. Singing, acoustic guitar, campfires, music games, summer camp magic.
- 3 summers leading backpacking trips in and around Yosemite National Park for kids and teens.

Student Teacher
Dos Pueblos Engineering Academy, Santa Barbara, CA

- Taught introductory electronics, Arduino programming and Solidworks in the highly regarded Dos Pueblos “Engineering Academy”

Graduate Student Instructor
UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

- Responsible for planning and facilitating discussion sections, creating exam questions and grading for introductory descriptive Astronomy courses taught by Professors Alex Filippenko and Gibor Basri

Exploratorium Science Educator
Exploratorium, San Francisco, CA

- Performed lots of fun and educational science demonstrations for the public
- Welcomed and oriented field trip students from across the Bay Area to the museum
- Received weekly trainings from master teachers in the Exploratorium’s “Teacher Institute”

Other Skills

- Conversationally fluent in Spanish

References

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Dr. Steve Croft

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