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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison – Madison, Wisconsin

Doctor of Philosophy in Environment & Resources, begun January 2022

- Dissertation (in progress): Collectivist Land Conservation Frameworks and the Provision of Social Benefits
- Advisor: Dr. Paul Robbins, Dean, Nelson Institute of Environmental Studies

University of Oregon – Eugene, Oregon

Master of Science in Nonprofit Management, June 2017

- Concentration: Environmental Conservation and Terrestrial Ecology
- Capstone (Thesis) Project: Governance and Strategy for the Albany Parks and Recreation Foundation
- Graduate Teaching Fellow in the Office of International Affairs and the Graduate School

University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, Michigan

Bachelor of Arts in Spanish, December 2013

- Minor: Program in the Environment, Community Action & Social Change
 - Founded the School of Social Work's DECLARE social justice retreat, offered to incoming students to foster reflection on power, privilege, social identity, and collective action. This project, though begun as an academic group project, later received funding and has impacted hundreds of students since.
- Study Abroad: Universidad de Granada – Granada, Spain
- Research Assistant: Agroecology Lab in the School of Natural Resources and Environment

EXPERIENCE

University of Wisconsin-Madison (Madison, Wisconsin)

2022 – Present

Teaching Assistant (TA), Research Assistant (RA) & Project Assistant (PA)

- Conducted research and administrative tasks on behalf of Dean Paul Robbins
- Led multi-author team in writing review article for *Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution*, entitled "Sovereign Genes: Wildlife Conservation, Genetic Preservation, and Indigenous Data Sovereignty", forthcoming 2022
- Served as TA for the following courses in the Environmental Conservation Masters of Science program:
 - Environmental Studies 843: Land Use Policy and Planning
 - Environmental Studies 972: Conservation Planning
 - Environmental Studies 978: Conservation Planning – Advanced Methods & Practice

Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy (Galesburg, Michigan)

2018 – 2022

Director of Land Protection

November 2020 – February 2022

- Raised \$2.0 million for conservation projects from a large variety of federal, state, and private sources.
- Protected hundreds of acres of land through fee-title and conservation easement acquisitions.
- Oversaw conservation defense, risk management and due diligence on 18,000 acres of already protected land.
- Supervised staff of three and team of dozens of volunteers.
- Negotiated and managed high-level partnerships with federal agencies, state agencies, elected representatives, business interests, and nonprofit partners.

Land Protection Specialist

November 2018 – November 2020

- Project manager for SWMLC's 2020 Climate Resilience Strategic Land Conservation Plan; used spatial data to identify resilient areas for conservation priorities and create regional land protection strategy.
- Initiated, managed, and completed conservation real estate acquisition and sales deals throughout nine counties of Southwest Michigan, protecting hundreds of acres.
- Stewarded and sustained existing conservation easement and nature preserve properties. Invested in relationships with landowners, monitored conservation easement properties, and dealt with violations.
- Conducted baseline ecological assessment of new conservation properties.

Watershed Resource Center (Portland, Oregon)

June 2017 – September 2018

Manager

- Led all aspects of programs and projects, including annual stormwater workshop series, multi-year environmental restoration projects, community partnerships, and a robust year-round calendar of stewardship, outreach and educational events.
- Created, cultivated and sustained long-lasting relationships with hundreds of volunteers, stakeholders, and community partners in a culturally competent and responsive manner.
- Wrote grant proposals and received funding to complete watershed restoration projects. Managed budgets and tracked outcomes for grant reporting, hired and supervised temporary grant-funded staff.
- Innovated new programs and partnerships with stakeholders, city government, other nonprofits and community members, with a grassroots approach to project development, emphasizing and advocating for community needs.
- Produced monthly e-newsletters and newspaper column, as well as other communications such as flyers, social media posts, and promotional materials. Conducted outreach through tabling and social media.
 - Served as a resource for SW Portland community members, provided technical advice about native flora and fauna, environmental conservation, water quality, hydrology, and best management practices for restoration projects, tools, and stormwater.

McKenzie River Trust (Eugene, Oregon)

June 2016 – January 2017

Conservation Property Monitor & Stewardship Intern

September 2016 – January 2017

- Monitored conservation easements and fee title properties, evaluated current property use and conditions pursuant to easements, management plans, and other restrictions.
- Assisted with region-wide habitat conservation planning, participated in habitat improvement projects.
- Identified and eradicated invasive species on conservation properties.
- Stewarded properties through responsibilities such as fish monitoring, vegetation surveys, turtle nest searches, dragonfly and damselfly field courses, among others.
- Implemented organizational shift to new systems that enable in-field digital collection of conservation data and monitoring information.

Summer Development Associate

June – September 2016

McKenzie River Trust – Eugene, Oregon

- Planned and led organization's summer events and fundraisers, including kayak trip, river festival, and environmental education field trips for all ages.
- Created website content, updated and operated online outreach program and donor database software.
- Cultivated relationships between organization and donors through outreach, events, and email and mail correspondence, including production of an annual appeal to over 600 supporters.
- Sought and received grant funding for new staff position.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Member of the Board of Directors

May 2016 – July 2017

Institute for Applied Ecology – Corvallis, Oregon

Chair of the Natural Areas Stewardship Committee

2020 – 2022

Parkview Hills – Kalamazoo, Michigan

Michigan Master Naturalist Certification

2021

Member of the Advisory Board

2022 – Present

Camp Newaygo – Newaygo, Michigan

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2018 Green Award – West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District
 - Region-wide recognition for leadership on runoff reduction, erosion control, and prevention of non-point source pollution in urban Portland, Oregon.
- 2021 Session Presenter at Land Trust Alliance Rally
 - Annual national conference attended by thousands of land trust and conservation practitioners.
 - Session: Planning to Planting: Climate-driven Land Protection and Stewardship Strategies.
 - This opportunity to serve as a peer faculty member teaching fellow land conservation practitioners is a competitive annual process

