Daniel Diaz-Etchevehere

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Education

University of Rochester

Rochester, NY

2012 - 2016 BS Environmental Sciences, Cum Laude, High Honors in Research

2016 - 2017 Take 5 Scholar in Digital Media and Art

A competitive 5th year full scholarship program to pursue a unique interdisciplinary set of courses.

Experience

Virginia Institute of Marine Science

Gloucester Point, VA

6/2017 - Science Multimedia intern, VA Sea Grant

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cambridge, MA

6/2016 - 8/2016 MIT Summer Research Program intern, MIT Media Lab Collective Learning Group

Created a storytelling experience based on the group's project DataUSA in virtual reality using Unreal Engine 4 and Vive. Wrote the narrative, programmed data visualizations, and designed interactions with the data.

University of Rochester

Spring 2017 Muralist, Rush Rhees Library

Fall 2016, 2015 Teaching Assistant, Intro to Geographic Information Systems

1/2015 - 5/2016 Research Assistant, Kessler Ocean Biogeochemistry Lab

Senior thesis: determined the spatial distribution and magnitude of sea-to-air methane flux in the Gulf of Mexico. Localized areas of highly elevated flux were detected, suggesting that the ocean may be a greater natural source of methane to the atmosphere than previously thought.

1/2015 - 5/2015 Research Assistant, Ebinger Active Tectonics and Geophysics Research Lab

Aggregated seismic refraction/reflection transects in Appalachia to help determine regional earthquake risk.

Spring 2015 Teaching Assistant, Intro to Environmental Science

3/2013 - 1/2015 Marketing Intern, University of Rochester Dining & Auxiliary Services

Worked on Dining Services' sustainability initiatives; facilitated special events, designed promotional material and infographics, and participated in educational outreach at the Rochester Museum and Science Center.

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Woods Hole, Ma

5/2015 - 8/2015 *NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates Fellow*, Wankel Stable Isotope Biogeochemistry Lab

Investigated the impact of Fe(II) on the isotope dynamics of nitrite and nitrous oxide during denitrification.

Community Leadership & Service

University of Rochester

9/2013 - 5/2017 Secretary, Art & Art History Undergraduate Council.

Organized art exhibitions, hosted public participatory art events, and coordinated museum trips.

4/2013 - 12/2014 President, social activist group Students for a Democratic Society

Coordinated a faculty-staff-student community field day, teach-ins/panels, and documentary screenings.

4/2013 - 9/2014 Publicity Chair; Fundraising Chair, environmental student group Grassroots

Helped organize, run, and advertise events; coordinated a campus-wide dorm supplies recycling fundraiser.

Honors & Awards

2017 First Prize winner, Second Prize winner, Gollin Film Festival. Awarded by U of R Film & Media Studies Dept.
2017 Professors' Choice Award (Engineering & Applied Sciences category). Awarded for poster presentation of
senior thesis by the University of Rochester's Office of Undergraduate Research at the 2017 Research Expo.
2017 First Prize winner of Undergraduate Writing Colloquium Contest (Natural & Applied Sciences category).
Awarded for senior thesis by the University of Rochester's Writing, Speaking, and Argument Program.

2016	Annalise Kjolhede Memorial Prize for Academic Excellence in Environmental Sciences. Awarded by the
	Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences at graduation to one Environmental Science major.
2012 - 2016	Prince Street Scholarship, University of Rochester. Annual arts achievement merit scholarship.

Presentations

4/2017 Diaz-Etchevehere, D.A., Kessler, J.D. High Resolution Analyses Reveal Elevated Sea-to-air Methane Fluxes in Localized Areas in the Gulf of Mexico. Poster presentation at the Undergraduate Research Expo, University of Rochester.
 8/2016 "Data-driven Storytelling in Virtual Reality: a Journey through U.S. Cities." MIT Summer Research Program presentations. MIT Media Lab, Cambridge, MA.
 12/2015 Diaz-Etchevehere, D.A., Wankel, S.D. The Impact of Fe(II) on NO₂- Isotopic Composition During Denitrification by Natural Sediment. Poster presentation at the American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Technical Skills

Adobe CC, 3D modeling and animation (Blender), Java, C, Matlab, Unreal Engine 4, GameMaker: Studio, ArcGIS, web development.