

Netanya Williams

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Education

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

2019 - 2023

BA, *Cum Laude*, Biological Science, Minor in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology; GPA: 3.8

Relevant Coursework:

Principles of Biology I & II, Evolution & Human Diversity, General Ecology, Evolutionary Biology, Introduction to Animal Parasitology, Eukaryotic Genomics, Cell Biology

Research Experience

Research Assistant, Caira Lab

2022 - 2023

Collected, prepared, mounted, and measured varied cestode specimen

Aided in the resolution of the non-monophyletic cestode group, the Tetraphyllidea. Research focused on Clade 3 (genus *Anthobothrium*)

Discovered and described several new species of *Anthobothrium* from previously unknown hosts

Research Assistant, Lefkowitz Lab

2021

LGBTQ+ CREW Study: LGBTQ+ COVID-related Relationships and Wellbeing

Coded qualitative data based on open-ended questions regarding changes in interpersonal relationships due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Participated in routine troubleshooting procedures to ensure coding is being done consistently across all members of the team

Presentations

American Society of Parasitologists

2022 - 2023

Williams, N, & Caira J. *Persistence Prevails: Do any species of carcharhiniform sharks not host the genus Anthobothrium?* Presented at American Society of Parasitologists, Kansas City, MO, July 2023

Work Experience

Research

Student Lab & Field Analysis Assistant Caira Lab

2023

Cestode collection, preservation, and species description

Digitizing data from field research notes to ensure access for laboratory personnel

Reviewed various information sources for accurate information entry

Non-Research

Central Specimen Processor, Bridgeport Hospital

Current

Triage, prepare, process, and collect data on various patient specimen

Aide in receiving specimens in proper condition, ensuring correct specimen preservation for testing, tracking specimen location, and safely disposing of specimens when testing is complete
Act as a communication point between departments, between laboratories, and between providers

UConn Dairy Bar

2021 - 2023

Greeting, serving, and assisting customers
Aide in the creation of monthly and seasonal promotional products
Following and instructing on health and safety protocols
Aided in training new personnel

Uconn Contemporary Art Gallery

2019 - 2020

Researched and designed materials to communicate information to the public
Aided in event preparation and installation of various exhibition pieces
Written and verbal communication with attendees to ensure an enjoyable experience

Product Assembler OEM Controls, Inc.

2017, 2019 & 2021

Organizing, packaging, and distributing product parts to various factory departments
Assembled and finalized sections of machinery
Created and processed plans for incoming assembly orders

Honors and Awards

Student Travel Award, awarded by American Society of Parasitologists, \$500

2023

Dean's list, University of Connecticut

2021 - 2023

Skills and Activities

Experience with BLAST and BLAT software

Proficiency with Dedoose

Proficiency with Microsoft Suite