Sebastian Calleja

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Education

Ph.D. Plant Science

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, USA

Advisor: Duke Pauli

B.A. Biology, specialization in Behavioral Biology

2015 - 2019

Boston University, Boston, USA

Research Experience

Research Specialist, University of Arizona

Summer 2019 – Present

- Conducted field work on plant physiology using LI-COR 6400 XT gas-exchange machine and FluorPen FP 110 to measure photosynthetic efficiency
- Gained skills in crop management including herbicide/pesticide management, and irrigation
- Gathered field data, such as hand measurements and collected samples
- Gained knowledge of complex farm equipment including GPS planters and other common implements
- Conducted pressure bomb measurements to measure leaf water potential under extreme conditions
- Obtained section 107c UAV pilot's license. Carry out acquisition of UAV-based imagery on experimental crops
- Harvested sorghum and cotton, both by hand and machine

Research Assistant, Boston University

Advisor: Dr. Graham Dow

Fall 2017 - Spring 2019

- Conducted field work on plant physiology using LI-COR 6800 gas-exchange machine and became familiar with brightfield microscopy
- Travelled to orchards to collect physiological and hand measurements of apple varieties
- Analyzed excel data and gained microscope slide preparation skills
- Analyzed stomatal characteristics, such as pore length, width and area using Image J
- Gained presentation skills
- Received stipends from the University to conduct research

Skills

- Processing, collecting, and quality control of field data
- Use, maintenance, and understanding of field research equipment
- Exceptional organizational abilities and time management skills
- Computer skills (Microsoft, Excel, Word, Power Point, ArcGIS, Image J), basic understanding of R
- Bilingual knowledge: Fluent in English and Spanish

Other Experience

Boston University lab assistant for Vertebrate Zoology lab

Spring 2019

- Prepared specimens to be dissected and observed
- Aided in the creation of lab exams (both oral and paper)

Fall 2016 – Spring 2018

Late Night Kitchen waiter and busser

• Gained customer service skills and time management skills