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EDUCATION:

Master of Environmental Science and Management (anticipated June 2016)

Coastal Marine Resources Management specialization, Strategic Environmental Communication and Media
University of California Santa Barbara, Bren School of Environmental Science & Management

Academic accomplishments: Latin American Fisheries Fellow; Gift from the Walton Family Foundation, prize covers expenses of two-year master's program and two round trip flights per year to Latin America, and internship funding

Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology *magna cum laude* (July 2012)

University of North Carolina Wilmington, Wilmington, NC

Academic accomplishments: Study Abroad Grant (2011 & 2010); Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship (2011); Benjamin R. and Edith B. Graham Scholarship (2011); Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant (Fall 2009 – Fall 2011); UNCW SOAR Grant (Fall 2009 - Fall 2011); Chancellor's List (Spring 2010); Dean's List (Fall 2010, Spring 2011)

Thesis Project: Fishing impacts upon Coral Reef Ecosystems in Machalilla National Park, Puerto Lopez, Ecuador (Spring 2012)

Study Abroad: Universidad San Francisco de Quito and Galapagos Academic Institute for Arts and Sciences, Quito and San Cristobal Island, Galapagos, Ecuador (Fall 2011); Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth, (Fall 2010)

PROFESIONAL EXPERIENCE:

IES Abroad International Programs Coordinator, December 2013 – June 2014

- International Education Abroad, (IES Abroad) Galapagos Site, San Cristobal, Galapagos, Ecuador
- Coordination among host families, international students, Universidad San Francisco de Quito
- Conflict resolution among students and host families
- Overseeing program excursions, (organization, managing emergency events, and leadership)
- Liaison between the Galapagos site and IES Abroad Headquarters in Chicago, IL
- General guidance and counsel for students living abroad, (culture and language barrier conflicts, separation from family, and other issues)
- Academic affairs coordination, (scheduling, volunteerships, and course consultation)

International Programs Coordinator, December 2012 – August 2013

Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Galapagos Campus, San Cristobal, Galapagos, Ecuador

- Offered academic and life abroad counsel and host family conflict resolution
- Excursion organization, (hiring naturalist guides, bus drivers, and tour guides, accompanying the students in order to resolve an emergency)
- Hiring English teachers, English class schedule organization, and staff payroll
- Conducting English placement exams for local students

Co-founder Experiencia! Galapagos (January 2013 – September 2014)

- Establishment and management of social and environmental projects for international volunteers
- Volunteer coordination, (guidance and counsel for living abroad, medical emergency management, housing assignments and excursions)
- Hiring of staff and associates, (Spanish teachers, volunteer coordinator, and tourism operators)

Internship, Galapagos Shark Conservation Project, June 2012 – January 2013

Charles Darwin Foundation Marine Research Station, Santa Cruz, Galapagos, Ecuador

- Economic analysis of shark value in terms of dive tourism
- Conducting interviews (in English and Spanish)
- Compiling historical data on sharks in Galapagos
- Dive log book data organization and interpretation

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Events Coordinator at Café del Mar, San Cristobal Island, Galapagos, Ecuador (July 2012-April 2013)

MitiGal Art Foundation Member, San Cristobal Island, Galapagos, Ecuador (July 2012-April 2013)

Volunteer at Sinethemba Street Kids' Home, Port Elizabeth, South Africa (July-November 2010)

Group Fitness Instructor, University of North Carolina Wilmington Recreation Center (May 2009-July 2010)

Professor's Assistant "Rise and Fall of Empires," Appalachian State University (January-May 2008)

Intern at the Blowing Rock Arts and History Museum, Blowing Rock, NC (August-December 2008)

Camp Counselor, Pender County Parks and Recreation (May-August 2007)

Volunteer Educator, North Carolina State Aquarium at Fort Fisher (2004-2007)

SKILLS:

Language: English: Native; Spanish (Advanced, near fluency)

Computer: RStudio, MS Office Suite, including database management using Excel

Diving: Advanced Open Water; 50+ dives; research diving skills