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PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

Small-scale fisheries systems; social-ecological adaptation and resilience; international development; scaling initiatives; strategic partnerships; systems thinking; philanthropic and impact investment; nonprofit ventures and management

EDUCATION

Master of Environmental Science and Management (06/13)

Coastal Marine Resources Management Specialization

Bren School of Environmental Science & Management—University of California, Santa Barbara

Selected Graduate Coursework: Global Environmental Financing, Conservation Planning, Natural Resource Economics and Policy, Organizations and Environmental Leadership, Nonprofit Ventures, Social-Ecological Systems, Managing for Resilience, Adaptive Management, Ecosystem Services, Applied Marine Ecology, Finance and Environmental Accounting, Advanced Environmental Communication, and Project Management

Bachelor of Arts (05/06)

Conservation Biology Major; Latin American Studies Minor

Prescott College—Prescott, Arizona

Selected Undergraduate Coursework: Conservation Biology, Marine Conservation (I, II, III), Marine Biology (I, II, III), Oceanography, Democracy and Conservation in Latin America (I, II, III), US-Mexico Border Studies, Environmental History of Latin America, Advanced Spanish Composition, Parks and Wilderness Management, and Environmental Ethics

Senior Project: “Capacity Building for Conservation in the Gulf of California” – Created a scholarship program to support and attract regional students to enroll in interdisciplinary marine conservation courses at Prescott College

Awards: Recipient of the Heide Koskinen Memorial Scholarship

FELLOWSHIPS, PROJECTS AND INTERNSHIPS

Latin American Fisheries Fellowship (08/11-06/13)

Recipient of the Walton Family Foundation’s Latin American Fisheries Fellowship (L-AFF) hosted by the Bren School’s Sustainable Fisheries Group and advised by principals Dr. Gaines, Dr. Costello, and Dr. Lenihan.

- Fellowship supported interdisciplinary graduate study in Environmental Science and Management with regionally specific coastal marine resources management specialization and systems thinking approach.
- Engaged in regionally specific coastal resource management colloquiums, fisheries workshops and intensive courses, site visits, special topics seminars in fisheries modeling, rights-based management, and aquaculture.

Vaquita Conservation and Small-Scale Fisheries Management Group Project (02/12-04/13)

Served as Project Manager for the Bren School Group Project titled “A Bioeconomic Analysis of Tradeoffs for Mexico’s Vaquita and Artisanal Fishing Livelihoods in the Upper Gulf of California.” Client: World Wildlife Fund-Mexico; Advisor: Dr. Kendall.

- Co-proposed project and secured \$20,000 in funding from WWF-Mexico.
- Facilitated a team of six to develop quantitative tradeoff analysis and generate bio-economic models.
- Held a bi-national workshop to incorporate feedback from 12 regional experts, hosted by NOAA and Scripps.
- Defended methods and results to Academic Committee (Dr. Gaines), prepared written reports, and publicly presented project deliverables to stakeholders and collaborators. Completed project within a yearlong timeframe.

Graduate Intern for Marine Science and Policy, Waitt Foundation—Washington D.C. (06/12-09/12)

Supported the Executive Director of Programs and Strategy in the review and evaluation of funding proposals for Waitt’s 2013 project cycle; worked with supervisor to establish the Washington D.C. office.

- Provided critical review and recommendations for potential ocean conservation and sustainable resource management initiatives.
- Prepared internal documents and briefs of funder-relevant information, and conducted research for strategic marine protected area initiatives.
- Attended high-level meetings with organizations and policy makers of interest to the Waitt Foundation.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN MANAGEMENT AND PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

Manager, Kino Bay Center for Cultural and Ecological Studies—Sonora, Mexico (02/11-08/11)

Coordinated daily operations of Prescott College's international field station; oversaw a team of 12 research, educational, administrative, maintenance, and boat captain staff to carry out the center's mission and support over 400 annual researchers and student station users.

- Managed diverse activities including research, conservation, education, and community outreach.
- Oversaw administrative and budget operations, including \$50,000 operations budget and grant funding.
- Liaised with local Mexican and indigenous communities and international partners.

Adjunct Instructor, Prescott College—Sonora, Mexico (09/09-06/11)

Instructed nine undergraduate field courses based out of Prescott College's Kino Center, including Marine Studies, Global Marine Issues, Gulf of California Conservation Case Studies, Applied Marine Conservation, and Advanced Spanish Intensive.

- Designed and implemented lower and upper division undergraduate curriculums for international field courses for classes of 12-18 college students, including field visits to remote and culturally sensitive sites.
- Facilitated collaborative field research, including artisanal fisheries management and markets, bycatch monitoring, marine reserve and coastal zone management, social-ecological systems, and marine conservation planning.

Program Director, Amigos de las Américas—Granada/Rivas, Nicaragua (01/09-09/09)

Directed AMIGOS' international community-based development projects for the Southern Nicaragua region, entailing oversight of nine staff and 70 international volunteers serving their two-month placements across 25 communities. Projects involved 100's of community members collaborating to address community health and environmental challenges.

- Held responsibility for all international logistics, health and safety of participants, budget management (\$45,000 budget), program development, staff and volunteer training, and continuous performance evaluation.
- Coordinated with national, regional and local partner agencies in Nicaragua (including Health and Environment Ministries), and promoted country project from inception to final presentation of results to the International Board of Directors. Position required professional level Spanish capabilities.

Assistant Manager, Kino Bay Center for Cultural and Ecological Studies—Sonora, Mexico (08/07-01/09)

Directly supported the Kino Center's leadership in implementing programs for undergraduate education, conservation and research, community outreach, and external partners on site in Northwest Mexico.

- Facilitated communication and logistics for station users, including intercultural communication with diverse groups of research and educational groups.
- Coordinated field outings in remote and sensitive locations within diverse ocean, island, and cultural settings.

ADDITIONAL WORK AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Senior Field Supervisor, Amigos de las Américas—Costa Rica (01/07-03/07)

Field Assistant/Teaching Assistant, Prescott College—Latin America (06/06-12/06)

Project Supervisor, Amigos de las Américas—Oaxaca, Mexico (06/04-08/04)

International Volunteer, Amigos de las Américas—Intibucá, Honduras (06/02-08/02)

ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND TRAINING

Language: Spanish fluency

Advanced Competencies: proven facility for positive leadership and communication; quantitative and qualitative analysis; project management, logistics and budgets, and crisis management

Recent Workshops: 2nd and 3rd Annual Catch-Shares Summit, supported by EDF—La, Paz, Mexico (01/12, 01/13); New Frontiers in Fisheries Management (10-day LAFF workshop)—Las Cruces, Chile (07/12)

Emergency Response Training: Wilderness First Responder (80-hours)—Wilderness Medical Institute (Cert. 09/07)

References Available Upon Request