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Education

Master of Science in Applied Anthropology, 2011, Missouri State University

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, 2008, Missouri State University

Bachelor of Arts in History, 2008, Missouri State University

Research and Teaching Interests

Environmental Anthropology, Ethnobotany, Medical Anthropology, Public Health, Migration, Tourism (educational, spiritual, heritage, and health), Education Abroad, Sustainable Development, Latin America and Oceania

Selected Professional Positions

Senior Instructor 2009-present

Department of Anthropology and Sociology, College of Humanities and Public Affairs, Missouri State University

- Ethnographic Field School, ANT 490
- Environmental Anthropology, ANT 314
- Ethnobotany, ANT 397
- People and Cultures of Latin America, ANT 336
- People and Cultures of Oceania, ANT 330
- The Anthropology of Religion, Magic, and the Supernatural, ANT 397
- The Anthropology of Tourism, ANT 397
- World Cultures, ANT 100

Adjunct Professor 2009-2016

Department of Social Sciences, Ozarks Technical Community College

- Introduction to Anthropology, ANT 101
- Introduction to Sociology, SOC 101
- Cultural Anthropology, ANT 330

Grant Writer, Nonprofit Consultant and Researcher 2007-2010

The Grantwell, Christina Ryder and Assoc.

Grant writing, grant management, evaluations, surveys, data analysis, research

Writer, Trend Spotter, Cultural Anthropologist 2007-2009

Noble World Communication, Culture Waves

advertising research, focus groups, content and report writing

CEO and Co-founder 2005-2007

One World Relief (nonprofit organization)

chair board of directors, review grants, event planning and coordinating,

volunteer management, strategic planning, grant review

Additional Certifications and Post Graduate Education

Online Course Development certification, Missouri State University and Blackboard

Yoga Teachers Training Certification, Yoga Teacher Training Association and Chinmay Ashram

Advanced Open Water SCUBA Certification, Professional Association of Diving Instructors

Nonprofit Management Certification, Missouri State University's Community and Social Issues Institute and College of Business Administration

Master of Public Health Graduate Studies, (18 credit hours towards completion) through Missouri State University

Selected Lectures and Presentations

Introduction to Environmental Anthropology

Introduction to Ethnobotany

Introduction to Shamanism

Introduction to Medical Anthropology

Introduction to Tourism Studies

Diseases of Development: Diet and Culture

Community Based Participatory Research, Education, and Ethnobotany

Yoga and Spiritual Tourism in India

Tourism Development in a Tz'utujil Mayan Community: Opportunities and Challenges

Coffee and Community in Highland Guatemala

Traditional Healing and Ethnobotany in the Marshall Islands

Diet and Health in the Marshallese Diaspora

Common Pool Resources and Artisanal Fishing in Bluefields Bay, Jamaica: A Study in Cooperative Management

Field Experience

- 2019** Education Tourism, Spiritual Tourism, Yoga
Dharamkot, Rishikesh, Uttar Pradesh, India
- 2017** Ethnographic Field School: Andes to the Amazon
Education Abroad, Education Tourism, Ecotourism, Ethnobotany
**Cusco, Sacred Valley, Isla Del Sol, Peru,
La Paz, Madidi National Park, Bolivia**
- 2016, 2015,
2014, 2013,
2012** Ethnographic Field School: The Mayan World
Education Abroad, Sustainable Development, Tourism, Coffee, Tz'utujil language
San Pedro Atitlan, Guatemala; Copan, Honduras
- 2015** Public Health, Ethnobotany, Traditional Medical Practices, Diet, Health Tourism,
Parallel Medical Systems, Food Security
Majuro, Wotje, Republic of the Marshall Island
- 2009-2012** Public Health, Community-Based Participatory Research, Marshallese Health
Springdale, Arkansas, USA
- 2010** Greene County Public Health Department: Women Infants and Children Program
nutritionist interviews, job shadowing, data collection, data entry, focus groups,
Delphi groups, workflow process
Springfield, Missouri, USA