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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS AND OBJECTIVE

Environmental Professional pursuing a career in community college instruction, using previous professional experience to enhance the educational experience. Enthusiastic instructor dedicated to a student-centered environment based on respect and collaboration. Committed to helping students identify and develop their own passions. Interested in interactions between humans and the earth/environment.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Intern, Physical Geography Lab, Physical Geography, World Regional Geography Orange Coast College, Spring 2020

- Assisted with lab set-up, break-down, and aided students with lab exercises.
- Graded labs, writing assignments, and exams for Physical Geography Lab, Physical Geography Lecture, and World Regional Geography.
- Worked with a diverse population of students, including international students.
- Used CANVAS system to grade, enter assignments, and move to online-only teaching during COVID-19.
- Proctored make-up exams.

Graduate Student Classroom Assistant, California Environmental Issues California State University Long Beach, Fall 2019

- Prepared and delivered lecture on environmental assessment.
- Assisted with weekend field trip to Anza Borrego/Salton Sea.
- Supported students with scripts and content for final video assignments.

Guest Lecturer, Environmental Assessment

California State University, Long Beach, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2021 (Scheduled)

- Prepared and delivered lecture on environmental assessment.
 - Shared professional experiences with students to link class with professional experience.
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

City of Long Beach Harbor Department (Port of Long Beach), Long Beach, CA Environmental Specialist, April 2008 – August 2019

Key staff member in the Environmental Planning Division providing a bridge between project proponents, engineers, real estate, business development, attorneys, regulatory agencies, and consultants during project planning, permitting, and implementation. Senior lead for environmental project documentation for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Quality Act (NEPA) and ensuring projects within the Harbor District comply with the Port Master Plan (PMP) and California Coastal Act (CCA). Skilled in management of multiple projects, providing creative solutions, and working within tight budgets and timelines. Program manager for Harbor Development Permits and environmental documentation for development projects and program administrator for the Community Grant Program. Additionally, worked on the Port Climate Adaptation Plan, Port Community Impact Study and Investment Plan, and the Westside Long Beach Improvement plan.

Key Contributions:

- Executed environmental document preparation and oversaw management of associated special studies, budgets, and regulatory agency coordination. Prepared presentations and materials for public meetings, Port management, and Board of Harbor Commissioners.

- Analyzed complex data regarding air quality, climate change, noise, water quality, and traffic for large capital improvement projects. Translated data for multiple audiences, including public, Port management, agencies, community groups, and other interested parties.
- Collaborated to develop the Port Community Impact Study and Investment Framework. Documents serve as the basis for the establishment of a \$46.5 million Community Grants Program to mitigate the environmental effects of Port operations on the local community.
- Cultivated relationships and partnership opportunities with public and private entities.
- Developed junior staff and supervised summer high school interns to create meaningful work experience for students interested in environmental science careers.

LSA Associates, Irvine, CA**Planner, November 2007 – March 2008****Key Contributions:**

- Prepared environmental documents in compliance with CEQA and NEPA.

EnSafe (formerly E2 ManageTech and Essentia Management Services), Long Beach, CA**Assistant Project Professional, November 2004 – June 2006****Key Contributions:**

- Prepared environmental documents and served as a third-party reviewer of CEQA/NEPA documents.

SRA International (Formerly Marasco Newton Group), Arlington, VA**Consultant, October 1995 – August 2003****Key Contributions:**

- Performed research and analysis regarding environmental regulations.
- Conducted assessments on government databases to identify and repair security weakness.
- Developed team of analysts to assist with information technology security projects.
- Redesigned web sites, focusing on site usability and accessibility.

EDUCATION

California State University Long Beach, Master of Arts
Fall 2020, Geography, Gamma Theta Upsilon Geography Honor Society

The George Washington University, Bachelor of Arts
Spring 1995, Geography

TECHNICAL PROFICIENCIES

Microsoft Office Suite, Canvas, CRM

ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Certificate - Rancho Academy: Developing California Community College Leaders (Fall/Winter 2020)

Presenter– 2019 American Association of Geographers National Conference, Washington, D.C.

How Green is The Green Port? Shifting Community-Port Narratives in Long Beach, CA.

Presenter – 2018 American Planning Association California Conference – Environmental Justice for All!

Addressing Community Impacts through Analysis, Effective Outreach, and Creative Solutions

Graduate - Women Unlimited IMPower Leadership Program (2016)

Port of Long Beach Leadership Academy (2016)

Presenter - 2013 NAEP/AEP Joint Conference - Thinking Outside the Box: Innovative Community-Based Strategies to Address Cumulative Impacts

Member of The George Washington University Alumni Orange County Executive Committee