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Willing to relocate north of the 36th parallel N in the US, including the northeast/New England, Mid-Atlantic, northern CA, and others.



Education

M.L.A. Landscape Architecture

08/2017

University of Maryland

College Park, MD

Thesis: "Wild to Wildscape: Designing the Urban Wild." Researched spontaneously-vegetated urban 'wastelands' and designed an urban railroad right-of-way to retain site history and wildness.

M.A. Ecological Landscape Design

06/2013

The Conway School

Conway, MA

Attended a hands-on program focused on ecological whole-systems design, collaboratively managed real projects in student teams, and presented weekly project updates.

B.A. Environmental Studies & Creative Writing

05/2009

Oberlin College

Oberlin, OH

Developed a strong background in science and creative and professional writing. Experienced in consensus-based decision-making as student cooperative member holding elected positions.



Experience

Landscape Architecture Intern

06/2016 - 08/2016

Joni L. Janecki & Associates

Santa Cruz, CA

- Edited redlined AutoCAD drawings including planting plans and construction documents.
- Created detailed 3d Sketchup models in order to present client with alternative concepts.
- Produced graphics including site analyses, presentation boards, and revised renderings.
- Organized and researched product samples and updated database with photographs.
- Investigated product specifications and regulations as related to California wildland fire code.
- Collaborated with all designers and assisted as needed on project work.

Teaching Assistant

09/2015 - 12/2016

University of Maryland, College Park

College Park, MD

- Planned and led discussion sections, graded assignments, and resolved student concerns.
- Assisted in classes including AutoCAD, Intro to Landscape Architecture, and Urban Greening.

Community Forestry Intern

09/2015 - 01/2017

Neighborhood Design Center

Hyattsville, MD

- Designed planting plans for tough sites at public schools in order to provide outdoor learning opportunities, beautification, and increased native plant cover.
- Developed infographics to clearly explain the process of applying for grant programs to the public.
- Created a stormwater management concept plan for a local Department of Public Works.

Intern

06/2015 - 08/2015

Landscape Architecture Foundation

Washington, DC

- Edited forthcoming guidebook detailing metrics and methods which can be used to evaluate landscape performance, including technical information and limitations of each.
- Critiqued case study research methods and corrected logical, numerical, and grammatical errors.
- Distilled findings from academic papers into "fast facts" on the benefits of landscape architecture.



Experience, Continued

Fellow, Rivers, Trails, & Conservation Assistance Program

01/2014 - 12/2014

National Park Service / Americorps

Washington, DC

- Provided technical assistance and outreach to community groups and park units in order to create and improve parks and trails.
- Developed and launched a public space/public life study on the use of Meridian Hill Park and suggested design and management improvements.
- Analyzed GIS data and provided technical support for projects.
- Created an illustrated hiker's guide for the Civil War Defenses of Washington trail.



Field Experience

Gardener

Seasonal 2012

- Planted, weeded, mulched, pruned, and watered high-end residential gardens.
- Cultivated and identified over 150 northeastern woody plants and perennial species.

Farm Apprentice

Seasonal 2010 and 2011

- Supported all operations on small, sustainable farms producing vegetables, milk, and eggs.
- Trained in greenhouse propagation, cultivation, harvest, and marketing techniques.

Youth Corps Supervisor

Summer 2008 and 2009

- Mentored disadvantaged urban youth and taught job skills in an outdoor employment program.

Youth Trail Crew Leader

Summer 2006 and 2007

- Directed backcountry trail construction projects in order to protect national forest resources.
- Co-supervised and motivated groups of 10 teenage volunteers in 1-2-week residential sessions.
- Delegated responsibility and adopted flexible management style in challenging conditions.



Skills

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| Indesign | ●●●●●●●● | ESRI ArcGIS | ●●●●●●●● | Writing | ●●●●●●●● |
| Illustrator | ●●●●●●●● | Rhino | ●●●●●●●● | Editing Content | ●●●●●●●● |
| Photoshop | ●●●●●●●● | Grasshopper | ●●●●●●●● | Editing Text | ●●●●●●●● |
| AutoCAD | ●●●●●●●● | Word | ●●●●●●●● | Graphic Design | ●●●●●●●● |
| Sketchup | ●●●●●●●● | Powerpoint | ●●●●●●●● | HTML and CSS | ●●●●●●●● |



Affiliations

American Society of Landscape Architects 2015 - current

Society for Ecological Restoration 2017 - current

Ecological Landscaping Association 2017 - current