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Qualifications: Over 20 years' customer service and relations, and over 7 years research (including BS & MA) in Physical and Cultural Geography. I am lifelong learner and outdoor enthusiast pushing for creative ways to better communities by utilizing my education, outdoor and work experience.

- Strong communication skills; written, interpersonal and presentation
- Led and motivated diverse populations toward common goals
- Experienced at problem-solving skills at many levels

Education

University of Nebraska, Omaha

MA Cultural Geography - 2014

- Thesis: A haptic geography: how it feels to be Outward Bound
- Advisor: Dr. Christina Dando

BA Urban and Environmental Geography - 2005

Work Experience

Outward Bound Instructor, Outward Bound Omaha, Omaha, NE – Voyageur Outward Bound, Ely, MN – 2010 - present

Lead and facilitate wilderness experiential education programs with varying age populations focusing on team development, mental, physical, and emotional challenges all within a supportive environment. I possess a strong focus on safety, prevention, and risk management.

- Earned recognition from Outward Bound for facilitating an innovative study on the feelings and emotions, as opposed to the thoughts, of youth from their course experiences.
- Collaborate with co-instructors planning and organizing multi-day, rock climbing, canoeing, backpacking, cross-country skiing, and dog sledding expeditions, half and full day ropes course.

Teaching Assistant, University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE - January 2010 - April 2012

Responsible for leading sections, managing classroom interactions, creating quizzes and tests, facilitating sections with PowerPoint and video, and grading assignments and labs of a college-level course in Earth and Environmental Science. I worked to engage students in current affairs that relate to class topics as well as their global footprint.

- Classes: Physical Geology, Earth and Environmental Science, Soils and Landforms
- Earned respect from colleagues for pioneering forward thinking and actions in the classroom and department, including research through the medium of film, and bicycle advocacy.
- Moderator for 2004, 2005, 2011, and 2012 National Geographic Bee.

Dario's Brasserie, Omaha, NE, Waiter, 2007 – 2010

Achieved success by maintaining clean and organized dining floor, creating special occasion menus and marketing displays, money management, memorizing daily specials to streamline service and customer satisfaction, and community building.

- Increased personal, staff, and customer knowledge of over 100 Belgium, French, and Quebec beers.
- Collaborate with chef/ owner on local, seasonal, and sustainable foods.

Presentations

“A haptic geography: how it feels to be Outward Bound.” Thesis defense University of Nebraska at Omaha, January 17, 2014.

“NEats: A look at Nebraska’s Slow Food Movement.” Film presented to Geography of Food group, University of Nebraska at Omaha, April 19, 2012.

“A Haptic Geography of Outward Bound Omaha’s Urban Youth Programs.” Poster presented at the Association of American Geographers convention in New York, NY, February 27, 2012.

“A Haptic Geography of Outward Bound Omaha’s Urban Youth Programs.” Paper delivered to the Recreation, Sport, and Identity session at the Association of American Geographers convention in Seattle, WA, April 15, 2011.

“Keeping Ancient Corridors Open for Pronghorn Migration through the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.” Paper presented to Geography of the Great Plains group, University of Nebraska at Omaha, October 24, 2010.

Certifications

- CPR (exp. 11/18)
- Wilderness First Responder (WFR exp. 8/19)
- Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC exp. 12/17)
- Wilderness Water Safety (exp. 6/17)

Professional Affiliations

- Association of American Geographers
- American Alpine Club
- National Ski Patrol

International Experience

Countries Visited: Belgium, Netherlands, South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland, Canada, Mexico, Japan, United States (50 States)

States Lived: Nebraska, Georgia, California, Florida, Colorado, Hawai’i, Alaska, and Minnesota.