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Education

B.S., Agricultural Science and Community Development, 2014, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM

M.Sc., Family and Consumer Sciences, Human Nutrition and Dietetic Science, 2016, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM

Honors and Awards

Southwest Agriculture and Food Security Education: Preparing Future Leaders for a Safe and Secure U.S. Food Supply System (SAFE) Graduate Scholar, Texas State University, 2015

2016 USDA Graduate Fellow
Texas A&M University Corpus Christi, 2016

Association Memberships

- Natural Resource Career Tracks Program, 2012-2016
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Professional Experience

Ecology Field Course, Belize, 2012

Participated in 10 day ecology field course in the tropical forests of Belize. The curriculum built on various sciences such as ornithology, botany, fire ecology, marine biology, wildlife and etymology. Throughout the course we used these sciences in field applications: (bird trapping, collected insects, cored trees, set up wildlife cameras, became culturally affluent with the Mayan people, learned about various agriculture techniques, and studied marine species).

Forest Service workshop, Valles Caldera NM, 2013

Participated in a natural resource preservation field day hosted by USFS. Introduced to management practices in the areas of Wildlife, Forestry, Fisheries, Hydrology, and law. Gained experience for career and professional development for a career pathway in natural resource management.

An Analysis of Food Insecurity in the Colonias of Del Cerro/Vado New Mexico, 2012

Under the direction of Dr. Lois Stanford, networked with academia and non-governmental organizations in the colonia of Del Cerro, NM. Conducted field work using qualitative models such as hosting community meetings to assess the Food Problem in surrounding Dona Ana colonias. At the end of the project we compiled research and presented to an audience comprised of community members and officials to gain attention of the need for food security in this region.

Food Corp Inc., September 2014- November 2014

Participated in an agricultural industry based internship with Food Corp Inc. and La Semilla Food Center. It was my objective to become more affiliated with the technical parameters of running a non-profit organization related to food production and community development. My duties included assisting Food Corps members in creating classroom lesson plans, participating in Farm to School cooking lessons, networking for events such as Food Day 2014, and volunteering for gardening workshops at a local middle school.

Citel Workplace garden, February 2013-April 2013

Under the mentorship of Dr. Paul Gutierrez, implemented a project to initiate a garden into the workplace to promote a green/health oriented environment. The place of establishment was Citel Call Center in Las Cruces NM. Under the professional guidance of site director John Munoz and his team of professionals, we compiled a proposal that integrated health, community, and environment to create the Serenity Garden.

Current Research

Assessing food insecurity in a predominantly Hispanic college student population.

Professional Presentations

Student Panel, Latinos in Agriculture, Grape-Vine TX, 2014

USA-Jobs Instructional Workshop, Las Cruces NM, 2016

Publications and Papers

Food Insecurity in a Predominantly Hispanic College Student Population, A Thesis submitted to the Graduate School
New Mexico State University, 2016
