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Relationship-focused leader with diverse experience in the non-profit sector and natural resource management.

Education

M.A., Environmental Management and Sustainability, Harvard University, Extension School, Cambridge, MA. Anticipated May 2023. Current GPA: 3.70.

- Thesis in progress: regression analysis of land use/land change and invasive vegetation.

Certificate, Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Ecosystems, Harvard University, Extension School, Cambridge, MA. Attained May 2017.

- Relevant coursework: Environmental Management, Conservation, Environmental Data Analysis, Sustainable Ocean Environments, Wetland Science and Policy, Green Infrastructure: Alternative Approaches to Ecosystem and Water Quality Restoration, Living Shorelines, Experimental Methods and Research Design, GIS.

ESRI: Going Places with Spatial Analysis, Fall 2019.

Harvard University Center for Geographic Analysis, Cambridge, MA.

- Introduction to GIS, completed February 2019.
- Cartography, completed April 2019.

B.A., English Communications, Salve Regina University, Newport, RI. Attained May 2007.

Experience

Marine Research Specialist III, University of Rhode Island. Kingston, RI. October 2021—Present.

- Support research and multi-partner, multi-year funded research solutions for thriving and resilient coastal communities and ecosystems.
- Coordinate day-to-day operations, financial management, proposal development, events, and communications.

Vice President of Strategic Business Operations, National Braille Press. Boston, MA. July 2020—October 2021.

- Develop and lead strategic and research initiatives to advocate for braille literacy through outreach to the blind and visually impaired communities.
- Responsible for training, professional development, and structure of sales and operations teams, and serve as liaison between teams and IT, finance, and human resources.
- Design program opportunities to assist with securing additional grant funding to further our mission.

Vice President of Operations, National Braille Press. Boston, MA. May 2012—July 2020.

- Coordinated hiring, collaborative strengthening of teams, streamlining processes and the procurement of specialized materials and equipment to meet and exceed annual goals.
- Created and conducted professional development programs for individuals learning braille-related skills and teachers assisting students with visual impairments.
- Served as representative on national boards focused on braille literacy, including the Braille Authority of North America and the Massachusetts Braille Literacy Advisory Council.
- Developed a training curriculum for the PROFITT program, in which incarcerated individuals learned tangible skills supporting entrepreneurship upon release.

Expertise & Affiliations

Invasive Species Manager, University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension, Kingston, RI.

- Qualified to design and facilitate coastal and riparian vegetative buffer restoration, as regulated by the RI Coastal Resources Management Council (RI CRMC) and the RI Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM).

Master Gardener, University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension, Kingston, RI.

- Grassroots educator, bringing the science base of the land grant university system to residents, children, community gardeners and families.

Board of Directors, Friends of the National Wildlife Refuges of Rhode Island.

- Facilitate art- and science-based Junior Duck Stamp competition for K-12 students, encouraging conservation through exploration of the natural world.

Member: Rhode Island Environmental Educators Association, Rhode Island Wild Plant Society, Rhode Island Natural History Survey, Native Plant Trust of Massachusetts.

Volunteer: Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Save the Bay, Narrow River Preservation Association.

Technical Skills

ArcGIS Online, ArcGIS Desktop, Adobe Creative Suite, Google Suite, Microsoft Office, Wordpress.