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## EDUCATION

**The Pennsylvania State University**, University Park, PA

**Expected December 2014**

Master of Science, Agriculture and Extension Education, International Agriculture and Development

**International Agriculture Development Seminar- Scoping visit**, Dominican Republic

**2013**

**Goucher College**, Baltimore, MD

**2010**

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Minor in Sociology, Concentration in Anthropology, Four Year Merit Scholar.

**Intensive Abroad Study- Biocultural Regeneration in the High Amazon**, Lamas, Peru

**2008**

- Examined fair trade coffee and chocolate from growing to roasting processes through field observations, lectures, and a home stay.

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

- Basic Applied Data Analysis in Agricultural and Extension Education
- International Agriculture Development Seminar (with abroad component in the Dominican Republic)
- Leadership Development
- Program Design and Delivery
- Program Development and Evaluation in Youth, Families and Communities
- Sociology of Agriculture

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Graduate Assistant for Recruitment

**2012-current**

*The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA*

*College of Agricultural Sciences, Office for Undergraduate Education*

- Design and deliver on/off campus career/college educational programs for high school youth
- Organize and run on-campus prospective family visitation program and follow-up activities
- Supervise, lead and mentor Ag Advocates in College Ambassador Program
- Implement changes in programs within the Office for Undergraduate Education

### Intern

*Cooperative Extension, Philadelphia, PA*

**2013**

- Analyzed a national study about urban farming in Philadelphia
- Formulated report to summarize results from national study to Philadelphia Extension team

### Farm Manager

*Cherry Hill Eat Healthy Live Healthy Urban Garden, Baltimore, MD*

**2012**

- Redeveloped a small scale growing and sustainable vegetable production plan to make fresh food more available to a historically segregated community in Baltimore City.
- Directed and conducted daily operations including whole farm planning, growing, organizing, managing staff and volunteers, outreach, inclusion, budgeting, etc.

### Baltimore City Beginning Farmer Trainee

*Future Harvest-Chesapeake Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture, Baltimore, MD*

**2012**

- Gained farm managing skills and techniques from the more experienced farmers in Baltimore County and Baltimore City through classroom, field workshops, and mentorship opportunities.

### Farm Manager

**2011**

*Gateway Community Farm, Baltimore, MD*

- Launched an agricultural revitalization project for an economically challenged community in a food desert in Baltimore City.
- Introduced a full development concept of an urban farm, including an affordable produce market, a resource center and a community kitchen on East North Ave.

- Compiled resources to make an inclusive programming and teaching space for families to learn healthy food and exercise habits.
- Positioned the farm in a developing movement of urban farmers working to create ease of healthy food access within Baltimore City.
- Designed and implemented marketing and informational presentations for various audiences.

## Community Involvement

<b>Agricultural/Dairy Intern</b>	<b>2011-2012</b>
<i>Weymouth Farm, Phoenix, MD</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Milked, fed, and helped owners manage herd of sixteen Nubian does, bucks and kids.</li> <li>• Contributed to the daily routine for three afternoons a week, including assisting in the birth and raising of six healthy kids, as well as preparing for and participating in 4-H events and assorted Fairs.</li> </ul>	
<b>Board Member</b>	<b>2011-2013</b>
<i>Friends of Great Kids Farm, Baltimore, MD</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborated a diverse group of individuals to raise funding, support and awareness for Great Kids Farm and its associated endeavors</li> <li>• Partnered with on-site staff during larger events and activities.</li> </ul>	
<b>Agricultural Intern</b>	<b>2010</b>
<i>Great Kids Farm, Catonsville, MD</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integral member of daily farm team including weeding, harvesting, washing, and preparing CSA produce.</li> <li>• Worked with Alternative Learning Center-West students under the mentorship of Gregory Strella, farm manager to complete community garden and mural project in the Gwynn Oaks area of Baltimore City.</li> <li>• Promoted friendly working environment while supporting the vision and mission of Great Kids Farm.</li> </ul>	
<b>Agricultural Intern</b>	<b>2009</b>
<i>Cromwell Valley Organic Community Supported Agriculture, Parkville, MD</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recipient of the <i>Mary Ross Flowers Internship Award</i>.</li> <li>• Gathered data to complete an ethnographic study- Topic: Culture of Community Supported Agriculture.</li> <li>• Assisted in the demonstration and promotion of organic food production.</li> <li>• Attended workshop through the <i>Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture</i> on "Weed Suppression and Biodiversity through Cover Crops and Field Edge Plants"</li> <li>• Developed youth program to cultivate an understanding of local agriculture and environmental impact.</li> </ul>	
<b>SERVE Leader and Peer Facilitator</b>	<b>2007-2009</b>
<i>Community Service Program/Early Immersion Program, Goucher College, Baltimore, MD</i>	
<b>Cornerstone Fellow</b>	<b>2008</b>
<i>Foundation for Jewish Camp, Avi Chai, through Camp JRF, Jewish Reconstructionist Federation, S. Sterling, PA</i>	

## AWARDS, LEADERSHIP, AND AFFILIATIONS

<b>Golden Key International Honour Society</b>	<b>2014-current</b>
<b>Future Harvest-CASA</b>	<b>2011-2012</b>
<b>Maryland Beekeeper's Association</b>	<b>2011-2012</b>
<b>Quickbooks Certified</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Mary Ross Flowers Internship Award</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Goucher College Anti-Bullying Policy Task Force</b>	<b>2009-2012</b>
<b>Landmark Conference Academic Honor Roll</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Cornerstone Fellowship Award</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Secretary and Pluralism Chair, Hillel, Goucher College, Baltimore, MD</b>	<b>2007-2008</b>
<b>Volunteer, Cromwell Valley Community Supported Agriculture, Parkville, MD</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity, Sandtown, Baltimore, MD</b>	<b>2006-2008</b>