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## **PROFILE**

A committed and diligent steward of the land with five years' experience engaging in critical thinking, active listening, and urban green space reconciliation. A strong and people-oriented communicator able to work independently or in team settings.

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **THE MORTON ARBORETUM, CHICAGO REGION TREES INITIATIVE STEWARDSHIP COORDINATOR — 2019-PRESENT; Lisle, IL**

Builds new community relationships and maintains existing community partnerships by coordinating resources, collaborative funding, and sustainable projects.

Provides outreach and education to private landowners and community organizations to increase awareness of the importance and benefits of trees.

Engages communities to plant trees and improve their care and management in order to facilitate improved health and sustainability of the urban forest and its residents.

### **THE MORTON ARBORETUM, NATURAL AREAS CONSERVATION TRAINING PROGRAM COORDINATOR — 2017-2019; Lisle, IL**

Fostered and maintained relationships with potential woodland stewardship program partners through mindful, consistent communication grounded in trust and respect.

Collaborated closely with course instructors and Education, Digital Learning, and Ecological Restoration staff to build online restoration theory and practice modules.

Coordinated and supported 230 Natural Resources volunteers engaged in 13 different natural areas and wildlife monitoring programs.

### **MONTANA AUDUBON CENTER, LAND STEWARDSHIP COORDINATOR — 2014-2017; Billings, MT**

Created five-year strategic plan including restoration project priorities and benchmarks. Disseminated data into an accessible map series via ArcGIS and Adobe software.

Designed and implemented numerous restoration and community outreach projects through in-depth site analysis, habitat inventory, and mapping. All project funding applications were positively received and at least partially funded.

Supervised college interns and the Center custodian. Managed land stewardship volunteers and expanded the program from 200 to 600+ volunteers per year.

### **THE WILDS RESTORATION ECOLOGY WINTER APPRENTICESHIP — WINTER 2013; Cumberland, OH**

Received extensive restoration training including invasive species monitoring and management, seed cleaning and dispersal, as well as grant writing. Attended restoration conferences.

Re-envisioned The Wilds Land Management framework through an ArcGIS map series to reach a broader community audience.

Designed and implemented *Ailanthus altissima* monitoring projects through ArcGIS analysis, and presented recommended methods and treatment options.

**JACOBS/RYAN ASSOCIATES LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, ASSISTANT — SPRING 2013; CHICAGO, IL**

Analyzed, assessed, and edited numerous design specifications related to the development of eight major design projects in preparation for customer presentation.

Extensively utilized Google SketchUp and AutoCAD to overlay surveys and create plans. Conducted on-site inspections and worked with contractors to prepare for installations.

**WALT DISNEY WORLD PROFESSIONAL HORTICULTURE INTERN — SUMMER 2011; ORLANDO, FL**

Maintained EPCOT Center and area resorts through pruning, turf renovation, pond upkeep, irrigation maintenance, and Bobcat operation. Attended workshops on wholesale purchasing and supplying.

Winner of Design Project Competition for innovative green roof design.

**ZINCO ENVIRONMENTAL GREEN ROOF SYSTEMS INTERN — SUMMER 2010; UNTERENSINGEN, GERMANY**

Planted and analyzed viability of non-traditional green roof species as part of a European Union-sponsored green roof experiment.

Participated in green roof systems workshops with small to large-scale design and engineering firms. Provided support to companies which requested troubleshooting assistance.

**EDUCATION**

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, SCHOOL OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT, ANN ARBOR, MI** – Masters of Landscape Architecture, Graduate Certificate in African Diaspora, May 2012.

Relevant coursework: ArcGIS, AutoCAD, Constructed Wetlands, Soil Ecology, Ecological Restoration, Woody Plants (field lab), Brownfield Redevelopment (field lab). Participated in two prescribed burns.

Recognition: Recipient of Fred & Helen Arbuckle Award Commitment to Landscape Architecture.

**WHEATON COLLEGE, WHEATON IL** – Bachelor of Arts, History Major, English Minor, May 2008.

Study abroad: University of St. Andrews, Scotland – European architecture, Fall 2007.

Softball: Record holder for most home runs in a season/highest hitting percentage/career hits.

**SKILLS AND CERTIFICATES**

International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist #IL-9813A

Software proficiency: ArcGIS, AutoCAD, Adobe Suite, Microsoft Office, Google SketchUp.

Montana Pesticide Applicators License 2014-2017.

National Association of Interpretation Certified Interpretive Guide—2018-present