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# Experience

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| October 2020 – PresentPresident Director General•Africa Spirit SARL • Togo, west africa  * Working with local contractors to satisfy the construction needs of clients * Bridging investment in the United States with small to medium sized projects in Togo * Consulting on navigating Togolese/West African bureaucracy * Participating in public contracts for small to medium sized projects * Working with Togolese partners to find solutions to common problems and obstacles  October 2020 – PresentEnglish Teacher •Biology Teacher • Bilingual Program coordinator• Cours Lumiere International school•Togo, west africa  * Developed a curriculum for bilingual classes * Teaching English to middle school and secondary school students * Teaching IB biology to secondary students * Preparing documents for International Baccalaureate accreditation in both French and English. * Working with students to prepare their studies at the university level in Canada or the United States.  May 2017 – PresentVolunteer project coordinator •african education foundation • Togo, west africa  * Managed a cash budget of more than $200,000.00 USD * Coordinated the transfer of money and the collection of receipts for the construction of four schools, a basketball court, and running water. Ensured commissioned work was being completed and that funds were being used as directed * Worked with local governmental and community leaders to   plan and organize events inaugurating projects and receiving American donors in country   * Opened a foreign bank account and facilitated the transfer of money between the financiers in the United States and the contractors in Togo * Met with US ambassador and the directors of Peace Corps, as well as Togolese government ministers in order to maintain transparency and promote the projects being planned and completed  october 2017 – june 2018English & Language Arts Teacher 6-12th Grade • American international school of lome, togo, west africa  * Created and developed a curriculum for a diverse student population * Mentored older students for preparation to university * Assisted director to organize events and activities involving parents, students, and community partners  june 2015 – august 2017Environmental Action and Food Security Volunteer • Peace corps togo, west africa 3 months of community based cultural and language training (French, Moba, Gourmanche, Ewe)  • Worked with community leaders to identify community needs and priorities  • Facilitated community meetings between community leaders and members  • Hosted trainings and instructional sessions on sustainable agriculture practices and income generating activities  • Facilitated reforestation/agro-forestry trainings between professional tree planters and local farmers Learned local languages and cultures to integrate into communities and build trust between the organization and community members  • Small scale grant writing and project design to improve local food security, (rabbit raising, reforestation, nutrition information sessions)  • Monitored, evaluated and reported on ongoing or implemented projects october 2014 – june 2015Math, Science, History Tutor Boys and Girls Club of America, green bay wi  * Worked with at risk youth and families from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds to improve performance in school   • Assisted with grant project implementation, monitoring, evaluating and reporting |
| june 2014 – august 2014Biology and Chemistry teacher Peace Corps Sierra Leone • 3 months of intense community based cultural, language, and classroom management training • Worked with community leaders to identify community needs and priorities   * Learned local languages (Krio, Mende) and cultures to integrate into communities and build trust between the organization and community members * Evacuated by US government due to regional Ebola pandemic  january 2014 – may 2014landscape and greenhouse technician, fox valley green house, green bay WI  * Filled orders for large landscape contracts, installed of brick and mortar constructs, planted trees, shrubs, and other live and artificial installations on commercial and private properties * Maintained healthy customer relations between work crews, management, and clients * Coordinated with different greenhouse sectors to ensure orders were accurate and ready for shipping  August 2011 – November 2011Assistant internship for Masters student, Research, University of Aveiro Portugal, Foz do Iguacu, BraziL • Used camera traps and GPS mapping to monitor Puma and other large mammal populations in Foz du Iguacu National Park.  • Translated research papers from Portuguese to English   * Worked with an intercultural team of Portuguese, French, Brazilian and American students to analyze and organize data and write reports (Excel & Word)  April 2011 – august 2011 **Ranch assistant/Intern Corsair Angus Cattle Research Ranch, Ione ORegon**   * Managed daily adjustment of irrigation systems, wheel line irrigation and pivot irrigation * Pasture/grazing management (weed control, alternating herds between pastures) * Daily ranch activities including: assisted with minor veterinary procedures, tagged and recorded new born birth measurements, castrated young males, applied feeding regimen to steers, transported cattle between different properties, operated tractors and other equipment for ranch activities and maintenance * Attended marketing seminars for Ranch parent company Omnigen Research Inc.  December 2010 – january 2011 **Research/project assistant La Selva Biological Station Ometepe, Nicaragua**   * Used GPS and physical tags to monitor Howler Monkey troop movement in the jungle on the island Ometepe in Lake Nicaragua * Collected fecal samples for mitochondrial DNA analysis * Constructed rope bridges to allow monkey troops to crossroads and power lines safely * Participated in instructional courses on primatology, anthropology, animal behavior, and evolution  Skills  |  |  | | --- | --- | | * Advanced/Professional French Speaker * Conversational Spanish and Portuguese * Work well in multi-national team or group setting to collect and organize data * Managing a budget and coordinating logistics in difficult environments using cash and foreign bank accounts * Comfortable organizing and running training sessions to westerners, Africans and immigrants on cultural differences and practices | * Advanced writing in English, moderate in French * Monitoring, Evaluating, and Reporting * Effective teaching and communication skills * Good understanding of current international issues and discussions * 5 years of teaching experience to diverse student populations in West Africa and the United States | |

# Education

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| September 2018-august 2020masters in sustainable peacebuilding, university of wisconsin, milwaukee2008-2012BA Biology Regis University, Evolutionary Biology, Environmental Science |
| august 2011-novemeber 2011Antioch Education Abroad via University do Parana, Brazil, Resource management Classes and practical experience in Resource Management, Tropical Biodiversity, Portuguese language, Ecological Research |