

*Multi-disciplined bilingual (English and Spanish) conservation professional with international conservation development and project management experience in engaging stakeholders while working closely with communities in order to achieve sustainable conservation outcomes. Self-motivated, flexible, creative problem-solver, and positive team player able to work in difficult conditions with limited resources and provide effective leadership. Talented visual artist skilled in creative communication.*

## Education

**Master of Science in Conservation Leadership** Graduating May 2016  
Human Dimensions of Natural Resources, Colorado State University Fort Collins, CO

- **Full fellowship recipient:** Riordan Family Leadership in Environment and Natural Resources Graduate Fellow
- **Focus:** Community-based conservation, international development, stakeholder engagement, ecotourism, social research methods, and conservation leadership.
- 4.0 GPA

**Bachelor of Fine Arts in Illustration** June 2003  
College of Visual Arts, California State University of Fullerton Fullerton, CA

- Student Commencement Speaker for The School of Visual Arts
- 4.0 GPA graduated Summa Cum Laude

## International Conservation and Development Work Experience

**Ecotourism and Protected Areas Applied Thesis** June 2015 - Present  
Ya'axche Conservation Trust Punta Gorda, Belize

- Designing, implementing, and analyzing perceptions of ecotourism social science mixed methods research in Maya communities to inform ecotourism development initiatives.
- Managing research project, including prioritization of tasks, meeting facilitation, budget, and timeline.
- Conducting and authoring feasibility study for the potential introduction of ecotourism into a strict nature reserve.

**Coordinator- Center for Protected Area Management** June 2014 – September 2014  
Colorado State University Fort Collins, CO

- Coordinated one month long training seminar for 24 Latin American protected area managers: arranged travel, facilitated visa procedures, managed applications and documentation, conducted participant interviews in Spanish, and organized activities and overnight trips.
- Designed and implemented wilderness first aid training in Spanish.
- Translated presentations and documents from English to Spanish.
- Provided cross-cultural communications support.

**Peace Corps Volunteer- Community Environmental Development** May 2011 - September 2013  
Peace Corps Las Charcas de Garabito, Dominican Republic

- **Project Management and Leadership:** Led, managed, and executed three successful community development projects in collaboration with community leaders and organizations in a rural farming community with limited resources and support: improved wood-burning cook stoves (57 installed), water filters (40 installed), and cement floors (14 installed).
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Implemented Participatory Analysis for Community Action (PACA) tools to increase stakeholder engagement.
- **Fundraising:** Received and managed \$7,000 USD of USAID and private funds. Networked with Dominican government officials and NGO's to gain support and fundraise for community projects.
- **Community Development:** Initiated and led a community unification movement that formed the Neighborhood Association.
- **Public Outreach:** Presented monthly community capacity building workshops to promote environmental conservation and responsible natural resource use.
- **Environmental Education:** Formed and led a chapter of the Dominican Republic national youth environmental initiative Brigada Verde. Designed, coordinated, and ran an Ecological Summer Camp for 25 children ages 8-12. Trained six adolescents in environmental education, classroom management, and leadership skills to become facilitators for camp.
- **Art:** Painted two murals in Dominican Republic Peace Corps office and community.

## National Conservation Work Experience

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### Trail Worker WG-5

National Park Service

May – October 2010  
Yosemite National Park, CA

### Forestry Technician (Trails)

U.S. Forest Service, Klamath National Forest

April – September 2009  
Happy Camp, CA

- Managed trail building and restoration projects to completion.
- Led and trained two youth trail crews in innovative restoration methods, trail building, and safety.
- Facilitated team-building and group dynamic workshops.
- Represented the Forest Service in a public outreach communications strategy.

### Fisheries Technician, Watershed Stewards Project

AmeriCorps, California Conservation Corps/ California Department of Fish and Game

January – December 2008  
Fortuna, CA

- Followed scientific protocol to conduct environmental monitoring of salmon habitat.
- Wrote scientific reports for individual tributaries that were utilized by senior DFG fisheries biologists in annual reports
- Created and implemented science curriculum as an environmental educator to grades K-6.
- Designed /Presented and facilitated interactive activities for youth environmental fairs.
- Organized and led a watershed restoration project for 4th graders on the South Fork Eel River in collaboration with California State Parks.

### Corps Member, California Conservation Corps

Los Padres California Conservation Corps Center

October – December 2007  
San Luis Obispo, CA

### Backcountry Corps Member, California Conservation Corps

AmeriCorps Backcountry Trails Program

April – September 2007  
Stanislaus National Forest, CA

## Education Work Experience

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### Teacher's Assistant, Conservation Leadership NR301, CSU

Colorado State University

August 2014 – Mayo 2015  
Fort Collins, CO

- Designed and facilitated interactive leadership activities for 30 undergraduate students.
- Led lectures and facilitated discussions on the World Parks Congress and international conservation leadership.
- Contributed to curriculum development.
- Mentored scholarship students in environmental leadership community service project.
- Coordinated guest speaker appearances for Warner College leadership program.

## Creative Resources Work Experience

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### Junior Illustrator

Nickelodeon Creative Resources

October 2003- November 2006  
New York, NY

- Created character, prop, and background art from pencil drawing to finished color artwork for product.
- Presented product designs to corporate managers.
- Communicated effectively through art, design, and illustration.

## Training and Certification

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- Certification in Crucial Conversation Conflict Resolution April 2015
- Trained in World Cafe Facilitation November 2014
- The Nature Conservancy's Conservation Action Plan Certification October 2014
- The National Association for Interpretation Certified Interpretative Nature Guide April 2014
- NOLS Wilderness First Responder January 2014

## Skills

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- Fluent in Spanish.
- Talented visual artist able to produce well executed illustrations, designs, and movies. Professional photographer.
- Effective at interpersonal and cross-cultural communication, public speaking, and facilitation.
- Familiar with SPSS and spatial programs: ArcGIS, Story Maps, and Google Earth
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Programs, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, iMovie, and GarageBand.
- Adept at creating websites.