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EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, with various grants May 1994 to May 2003
University of Florida, Center for Construction & Environment **Gainesville, Florida**

- Assisted with the organization, data collection, data interpretation, writing of results for 7 grants
- Technical representative at 10+ conferences on Alternative Construction & Deconstruction
- Presented at 3 conferences and workshops
- Co-produced the Green Building Materials '96 Conference
- Interdepartmental liaison for the School of Building Construction between University of Florida Campus Planning and Physical Plant Department
- Directed 3 teams of 11 AmeriCorps members- Deconstruction projects and community outreach projects

Instructor & Project Coordinator July 2003 – July 2004
Forfar Field Station **Andros, Bahamas**

- Instructed and developed curriculum for 2 classes taught at Hocking College: “Island Resource Planning” and “Eco-Lodge & Field Station Management”
- Coordinated Native Coastal & Edible Landscape Project: Removed non-native plants, planted 340 tropical fruit and native coastal plants, constructed labeled botany walk w/ 30 pg. botany walk guide
- Developed community environmental education: Fisheries / Agriculture poster outreach, Land Crab Festival children’s native species/recycling education and art tent
- Caribbean Regional Environmental Program, Bahamas Tourism Board, Bahamas National Trust: Healthy Wetlands workshops

Study Abroad & Internship Programs Coordinator July 2002 – December 2002
Institute for Cultural Ecology **Hilo, Hawaii**

- Organized instructor led semester abroad field studies & individual student internships to Fiji, Hawaii, New Zealand, Vietnam, Thailand and Australia
- Conducted all financial & administrative coordination of offered programs

Eco-Tourism Guide September 2001 - November 2001
Various **Costa Rica**

- White water guide: Adventuris Naturales
- Tropical butterfly garden guide
- Eco-lodge guide: Selva Bananito Lodge

Research Assistant March 2001 – August 2001
Institute for Tropical Ecology & Conservation **Bocas del Toro, Panama**

- Collected field data: marine turtle tagging & monitoring program in remote sites
- Contributed as a team member in biological field station projects and lab work

Co-Owner June 1996 – August 1998
Re-User Building Products, Inc. **Gainesville, Florida**

- Managed funds, employees, and business growth plans for a 10,000 sq’ construction material re-use facility
- Networked businesses for material supply exchange and project logistics; targeted groups including City & County officials, University of Florida officials, and contractors
- Led public relations efforts: consisting of web page design, local TV, newspaper magazine coverage