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Education

Gustavus Adolphus College

Bachelor of Arts in Biology; Minor: Chemistry
Overall GPA: 3.19, Biology GPA: 3.84

May 2005
St. Peter, MN

Undergraduate Thesis: "**Spatial distribution patterns of mistletoe (*Antidaphne viscoidea*: Eremolepidaceae, and *Phoradendron undulatum*, Viscaceae) on *Psidium guajava* (Mrytaceae) in Monteverde, Costa Rica."**

Research Advisors: Drs. Pamela Kittleson and Joel L. Carlin.

Relevant Coursework:

Ecology, Evolutionary Biology, Evolution Ecology and Behavior, Aquatic Biology

Responsible for 50% of my educational expenses

Council on International Educational Exchange

Study Abroad Program

Fall 2003
Monteverde, Costa Rica

Field Experience, Domestic

Gustavus Adolphus College

Field ecology and forestry sampling techniques in Blue Mts area (Grand fir / Ponderosa pine mixed forest), Washington

2003-2005
St. Peter, MN

Point Reyes National Seashore

Natural history of coastal California scrub / estuarine communities

2004, 2003
Point Reyes, CA

Field Experience, International

CIEE Study Abroad Program

Spatial distribution of parasitic plants
Tropical plant and animal identification

Fall 2003
Monteverde, Costa Rica

University Regents Explorers Program

Small mammal mark-recapture, remote camera sampling to estimate densities of large rainforest predators.

Setting Sherman and kill traps

Learned voucher specimen preparation

2001
Las Cuevas Research Station, Belize

Scholarships

Andrew J. Anderson Scholarship 2001-2005
Governors Scholarship 2000

Certifications

Wilderness First Responder 2005
CPR and Wilderness First Aid 2003

Skills

Proficiency with small mammal traps
Proficiency with Microsoft Windows (Word, Excel, Powerpoint) and Apple OSX
Knowledge of SPSS statistical package
Knowledge of Minitab statistical package
Knowledge of curatorial techniques for small mammals
Valid U.S. Driver's license

Language Proficiency

Spanish, actively studied while abroad in Costa Rica
Japanese, 1 semester college
German, 2 years high school

Presentations

Gustavus Adolphus College

Biology Senior Seminar Series, 2005. "Spatial distribution patterns of mistletoe (*Antidaphne viscoidea*: Eremolepidaceae, and *Phoradendron undulatum*: Viscaceae) on *Psidium guajava* (Myrtaceae) in Monteverde, Costa Rica."

Minnesota Keck Undergraduate Conference, 2005. "Spatial distributions of two sympatric mistletoes." [Poster]

CIEE Study Abroad Program

Costa Rica Student Research Symposium, 2004. "Spatial distribution patterns of two sympatric species of mistletoes."

Teaching Experience

America Reads/Counts

Academic Year 2002 - Present

Intern

St. Peter, MN

Created a new program site at the St. Peter YMCA
Helped 2nd-11th graders with homework

Point Reyes Summer Camp

Summer 2003 and 2004

Camp Counselor/Intern Naturalist

Point Reyes National Seashore, CA

Planned and led camper activities
Responsible for camper medication and health
Plant identification and coastal, California scrub, and estuarine ecology

Palo Alto High School

Academic Year 2000 - 2001

Algebra 1 Teaching Assistant

Palo Alto, CA

Wrote and taught lessons on standard linear equations
Wrote and corrected tests
Individual tutoring

Professional Activities

Sigma Xi – The Scientific Research Society

member since 2005

Service

Gustavus Adolphus College Hiking Club

2003-2005

Organized and led multi-day backpacking trips for 3-10
college students; responsible for navigation and safety

St. Peter, MN

Gustavus Adolphus College Tree and Landscaping Committee

2002-2005

Helped draft landscaping design and maintenance goals

St. Peter, MN