

EDUCATION

Harvard Design Discovery (Cambridge, MA)

2023

Landscape architecture certificate

University of Vermont (Burlington, VT)

2021 - 2026

Ph.D. Food Systems

- Academic affiliations: Gund Institute for the Environment Fellow | Food Systems Research Center Fellow | Institute for Agroecology, Agroecology Lab Coordinating Committee | Education for Sustainability Leadership Academy
- Community affiliations: Rights & Democracy Food Justice Policy | Farm to Plate Agroforestry | Land Care Congress
- Grants/awards secured: Hatch grant | Shiman award

University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI)

2019 - 2021

M.S. Environment and Sustainability, Environmental Justice

- Additional academics: Museum Studies Certificate
- Leadership: ArtEco Collective (President) | Student Government (Sustainability Chair) | Perfecto-Vandermeer Agroecology Lab | Innovation in Action competitor
- Grants/awards secured: Rackham Thesis Scholarship | SEAS Thesis Scholarship Nannette R. LaCross Prize | Academic Achievement Scholarship SEAS Pollinator Grant

William Jewell College (Liberty, MO)

2014 - 2017

B.A. Honors in Biology, summa cum laude

- SUSTAIN (Students Using Sustainability for Teaching And Innovation, Founder)
- Feminist Club (President)
- TriBeta (Treasurer)
- Grants/awards secured: Schepp Foundation Scholarship (unused)
- Beta Beta Beta Research Grant | Charles F.J. Newlon Award | Dr. Judith A. Dilts Award | Phi Epsilon Honor Society | Presidential Scholarship

SKILLS

Graphic design | Facilitation | Community outreach, organizing & public speaking | Event coordination & delegation | Grant writing & management | Program & curriculum development | Teaching & mentorship | Interviews, ethnography, & qualitative data analysis | Site analysis, landscape design & installation | Environmental restoration | Creative problem solving | Policy analysis

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Will Miller Social Justice Lecture Series

Spring '25 - present

ONE Farmers Market

Aug. '23 - present

IfA Coordinating Committee

Jan. '23 - present

Intervale Center

Jul. '22 - Jul. '24

Age Well

Sep. – Dec. '22

Graduate Students United

Sep. '21 – present

350 KC

2017 - 2019

Poor People's Campaign

2017 - 2019

Healthy Rivers Partnership

2014 - 2016

Chain of Hope

2011 - 2013

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ONE Farmers Market

Market manager

Nov. '24 - present

University of Vermont (Burlington, VT)

Ecological Landscape Design, Teaching Assistant

Spring '24 - present

Lead lectures and lab sessions, provide feedback, support, and grading for assignments including final projects of designs for two community projects.

Institute for Agroecology, Communications Specialist

Sep. '23 - Summer '25

Synthesize and design summary documents and interactive media for summits and planning retreats, create social media content, and produce a quarterly newsletter.

FSRC Sustainability Metrics, Research Assistant

Aug. '21- present

Analyzed survey questions and synthesized feedback from experts, informing a larger grant awarded to the research team. Currently, coordinating with community partners and other research teams to build out a database that can be utilized by farmers and farm advocacy organizations to use a socioecological values metric to inform policy.

Northeast Organic Farming Assoc. (Burlington, VT)

Data Consultant

Sep. - Dec. '23

Analyzed direct sales survey data from over 50 VT farmers, created graphics, and assisted in the creation of a report for food system stakeholders in VT.

Last Resort Farm (Monkton, VT)

Farm hand

May – Nov. '22

The Henry Ford (Dearborn, MI)

Edible Education Intern

May '21 – Aug. '21

Conducted archival research and community outreach for historical accuracy and present-day accessibility, impact, and delivery of programming about the social injustices and food system in Detroit in the late 19th century. Wrote three articles for the museum and presented my research.

University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI)

Food Systems Initiative Coordinator

May '20 – '21

Designed website, newsletter, social media content, and the annual Food Literacy for All report and course lists for each semester as well as conducted interviews, coordinated events, and conducted outreach.

Graduate Student Instructor, Restoration Ecology

Jun. '20 – Dec. '20

Adapted curriculum for virtual and remote platforms, led in-person and virtual labs and discussions, graded weekly reports, and coordinated weekly guest instructors.

Heritage Seed Project Researcher

Jun. – Oct. '20

Collected data on and managed the Indigenous Garden at Matthaei Botanical Gardens as well as crafted a summary report for all the stakeholders involved.

Graduate Student Instructor, Food Literacy for All

Jan. – Apr. '20

Evaluated writing on environmental justice issues as they relate to the US food system and managed communication with 200+ students and community members, and provided logistical and technical support for running the course.

Washtenaw County Health Department (Ann Arbor, MI)

Local Food Access Intern

Jun. – Sep. '20

Designed and administered Senior Project Fresh, providing food assistance for low income seniors, created social media content, signage, and website updates, facilitated meetings and provided support and resources for Washtenaw Markets and Washtenaw Food Policy Council's Food Access and Nutrition Policy Action Team.

Blue River Watershed Association (Kansas City, MO)

Water Quality Educator

Mar. – Jun. '19

Augmented and taught water quality curriculum, managed logistics for classes, and led data collection with elementary and high school students.

Heartland Conservation Alliance (Kansas City, MO)

Urban Waters Crew Leader

May – Aug. '19

Coordinated, marketed and oversaw the budget and completion of community conservation workdays in three action areas as part of an EPA Urban Waters Grant. Collaborated with numerous external partners and performed strategic outreach to maximize ecological and community health benefits.

Education & Outreach Coordinator

Aug. '17 - Feb. '19

- Redesigned and implemented programming to engage the community with issues of watershed health as well as increase access and connection to natural assets in the city and work collaboratively with stakeholders.
- Conducted community outreach through social media, canvassing, and networking at community events that resulted in lasting partnerships and collaborative projects.
- Worked directly with the executive director on organizational strategizing, improved best practices, performed interviews, trained staff, and led meetings regularly.
- Published press releases and monthly newsletters, with multiple press releases in Greenability magazine, and gave interviews for local news and radio: OptOutside, MLK Nature Walk, and EcoRadio.
- Served as a delegate at the Children & Nature Network Leadership Summit and the One Water Summit and gave a Let's Move Outside Summit presentation on the Urban Water Renew the Blue collective impact campaign.
- Successfully secured \$117,000 in grant funding, managed grants, maintained donor relations, and reported on multiple grants.