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Education

University of South Carolina

Columbia, SC

Bachelor of Science in Public Health

Graduating December 2020

- GPA: 3.979
- Focus: Biology
- Leadership distinctions: Research and Professional & Civic Engagement

Experience

Student Health Services, University of South Carolina

Research Assistant

July 2020 – Present

- Completing interviews, investigating suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases, and responding to inquiries while adhering to HIPAA and FERPA regulations.

Laboratory of Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Diseases

Research Assistant

September 2018 – Present

- Acquiring grant and report-writing experience.
- Conducting epidemiologically important field research on mosquito population genetics and tick distribution.

University Housing, University of South Carolina

Resident Mentor

August 2018 – May 2020

- Provided paraprofessional advising for undergraduate residents while maintaining FERPA standards. Confronted and resolved issues on academic performance, personal development, and community building.
- Performed several administrative duties, including data analytics, visitor check-ins, roommate conflicts, incident reports, and maintenance requests.

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

Intern Lab Technician

November 2019 – March 2020

- Learned and performed speciation of mosquitoes while maintaining proper handling and documentation procedures.

Mousseau Lab

Volunteer Research Assistant

November 2018 – April 2019

- Identified animal species from photographs and recorded data into Microsoft Excel while maintaining good documentation practices.

Freelance Web Developer

December 2014 – September 2018

- Provided digital solutions by analyzing requirements and designing, developing, and implementing software applications for multiple personal and business websites.
- Used various technologies, including WordPress and Cloudflare, to make repairs and optimize business and personal websites.

Activities

Student Government, Arnold School of Public Health Senator, Health & Safety Committee, March 2020 – Present

Society for Vector Ecology, Member, March 2020 – Present

Mid-Atlantic Mosquito Control Association, Member, February 2020 – Present

Association of Public Health Infectious Disease Students, Co-Founder & President, October 2019 – Present

American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, Member, May 2019 – Present

Public Health Society, Member, February 2019 – May 2019

Chabad Student Organization, Vice President, October 2018 – Present

Student IT Advisory Committee, Member, February 2018 – May 2018

Patterson Hall Government, President, August 2017 – May 2018

Presentations

Engaging Undergraduate Students in Entomological Research, **Mid-Atlantic Mosquito Control Association**, Greenville, SC, Poster Presentation, February 2020.

An Investigation Into the Distribution of Urban Aedes spp. in the Coastal City, Charleston, SC, **Society for Vector Ecology**, San Juan, PR, Poster Presentation, September 2019.

Professional Development

- **Microbiology** taught by Dr. Anil Datt, May 2019
- **Ecology and Evolution** taught by Dr. Robert Friedman, May 2019
- **Infectious Disease Ecology** taught by Dr. Robert “Sean” Norman, December 2018
- **Close Family Emerging Leaders Program** by the University of South Carolina Leadership and Service Center, April 2018
- **Viruses & How to Beat Them: Cells, Immunity, and Vaccines** by Tel Aviv University via EdX, March 2018

Honors & Awards

- **President's Award**, University of South Carolina, April 2020
- **Outstanding Senior Award**, University of South Carolina, March 2020

Skills

- WordPress
- Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, and Word
- Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator