

TAMI WEISS

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Trained at balancing conservation priorities, environmental considerations and sustainable economic development into all projects and integrating educational programs into the plan
- Experienced in all aspects of project management: volunteer and staff management, event planning, fundraising and budgeting, developing and implementing new programs
- Skilled at researching, analyzing and synthesizing information from various sources to provide compelling, clear and professional documents and other media communications for a variety of audiences
- Accomplished in event planning, including the successful execution of a 24-hour Guinness World Record football game, local sports leagues, national tournaments, weddings and large-scale formal dinners
- Practiced educator with experience developing appropriate curriculum, and teaching environmental education, English as a second language and test-prep

EDUCATION

- Monterey Institute of International Studies**— M.A. International Environmental Policy, Candidate 2013
Relevant Courses: Research Methods, Public Policy, International Environmental Law, Conservation Design and Project Management, Natural Resource Economics, Protected Areas Policy
- University of California, Santa Cruz** — B.A. Environmental Studies and Biology 2005
Deans List 2001-2005; Chancellors Award 2001-2002
Relevant Upper Division Courses: Conservation Biology, Community Ecology, Quantitative Conservation Biology, Behavioral Ecology, Global Environmental Politics, Environmental Inequality

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant, Monterey Institute of International Studies** *Monterey, CA* 1/2012 - present
- Research private protected areas, food safety, biodiversity conservation in agriculture landscapes
 - Develop interactive exercises for use in classroom on biological and environmental subjects
 - Test and refine new model of economic analysis of agricultural output in California, including multiplier effects
- Center for Blue Economy Fellow, FishWise** *Santa Cruz, CA* 6/2012 - 8/2012
- Researched seafood traceability in global supply chains for a white paper published August 2012
 - Documented current national and international legislation on food traceability requirements
 - Created set of recommended next steps for various stakeholders in the seafood industry
- Research Assistant, Cube Eight** *Atherton, CA* 9/2009 - 6/2011
- Researched and compiled reports for venture capital projects
 - Managed and maintained all social media--blogs, Twitter, websites, Facebook
- Personal Chef, Self Employed** *SF Bay Area, CA* 12/2009 - 6/2011
- Designed and cooked customized menus for multiple families
 - Organized and created tea parties, dinner parties, bbqs, birthday parties and anniversary parties
- Development Director, Play Flag Football** *Campbell, CA* 1/2008 - 8/2009
- Developed curriculum and implemented after-school and summer camp programs
 - Adaptively managed the training and retention of over 200 staff and volunteers
 - Contributed to financial stability by organizing major fundraising events
- Environmental Educator, Oakland Zoo** *Oakland, CA* 9/2005 - 12/2006; 1/2008 - 4/2009
- Taught school children on fields trips about animals, the environments and conservation
 - Organized zoo-wide events, community outreach, hands-on education programs and holiday events
 - Led interpretive tours around zoo and off-site educational programs

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- Verbal, Writing and Math SAT Tutor** *South Bay, CA* 1/2008 - 6/2012
- One-on-one in-home tutoring for SAT's, SAT II's and ACT's
 - Comfortable teaching customizable curriculum, based on students needs and levels
- English Instructor** *Rome, Italy* 2007
- Prepared and taught creative, interactive English lessons for ages five to thirteen
 - Provided bilingual monthly progress updates to parents
- School Programs Intern, Seymour Marine Discovery Center at LML** *Santa Cruz, CA* 2004 - 2005
- Instructed field trips in classroom and tour settings
 - Handled small marine animals and supervised interactions with children
 - Updated curriculum given to teachers for pre- and post-field trip lessons

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Language Mentor** *Refugee Transitions* San Jose, CA 1/2010 - 6/2011
- Mentored a Nepalese refugee family from Bhutan, in both English language and life skills
- Green @Home Volunteer** *Acterra* Palo Alto, CA 12/2009 - 6/2011
- Assisted residents with energy savings and greening their home after completing an eight hour training
- Conference Assistant** *Bioneers* 2008 - Present (annually)
- Volunteer annually on-site during the three-day conference
- Photojournalist** Vietnam, Lao PDR & Thailand 9/2009 - 12/2009
- Volunteered directly with multiple nonprofits on design, efficiency and programing
- Documentary Photographer** *CATCCO* Ollantaytambo, Peru 11/2008
- Documented daily life of a traditional weaving cooperative and for the nonprofit to promote fair-trade sales
- Wildlife Rehabilitation Volunteer** *ARCAS* Petén, Guatemala 12/2007
- Prepared diets, created enrichment for animals, cleaned cages and assisted veterinarians

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Experience living and working internationally

Intermediate language skills in written and spoken Spanish, begining skills in Italian

Skilled in social and digital media development: Facebook, Twitter, WordPress, Weebly

Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite, iWork, iLife, Photoshop, Illustrator, QuickBooks, GIS, Miradi

Professional photographer