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RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Rainforest Alliance

Southeast Asia, Africa

Lead Auditor, Sustainability Trainer & Researcher

August 2008 to present

- *Lead Auditor & Team Leader for diagnostic, annual and certification audits coffee, cacao, tea and banana audits in Indonesia, Vietnam, Philippines, Cote D'Voire, Madagascar, South Africa and Zimbabwe*
- *Lead Auditor of 22 cacao cooperatives in West Africa in January-March 2010*
- *Conducted Sustainable Agriculture Training and farmer training in Cote D' Voire, September 2010*
- *Auditor for FSC/Smartwood Audits in Indonesia – 2 years experience*
- *Conducted farmer training in Nigeria (2 weeks) with partner NGOs, Universities and farmers*
- *Conducted coffee farming and sustainability course (2 weeks) in Vietnam with partner NGOs and farmers*
- *Sustainability Diagnostic work with Smallholder Tea Farmers in Sri Lanka (4 weeks), managing training of*
- *Conducted a series of auditor and farmer trainings in China to build Rainforest Alliance program and manage quality assurance*
- *Farmer Training with Coffee and Cocoa Farmers throughout Indonesia*
- *Managed Rainforest Alliance Outreach with Cocoa farmers in Papua, Indonesia – June 2012*
- *Film maker for Rainforest Alliance and Blog Author - <https://vimeo.com/rainforestalliance>*

Community Forestry Consultations, Sustainability Consultant, Forest Voices

Southeast Asia and
United States

Director, Researcher, Project Advisor and Documenter

August 2007 to present

- *Developed Community Toolkit for WWF-Malaysia to test High Conservation Value Forest indicators (Northern Malaysia, June-August 2009)*
- *Advised Conservation Project Design, Native Forest Foundation, Sri Lanka (2008-2009)*
- *Designed and Edited Conservation and Biodiversity Reports for Government of Malaysia Protected Areas Guide (2009)*
- *Documented Barriers to Sustainable Agriculture and Community Forestry, Malaysia (2009)*
- *Research Proposal Development and Design (2008-present), Southeast Asia*
- *Designed and Documented Community Participatory Seed Exchange, Sarawak (2009-present)*
- *Designed and developed independent project working with remote, forest dwelling-communities to assess capacity for community forestry and development*
- *Field techniques include interviews, participatory data collection, mental mapping, surveys community photography and participatory video*

- *Photographic Lecturer on Community Agroforestry and Sustainability (Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore)*
- *US Fulbright Scholar 2009-2010 – Focus on Agroforestry Farming Systems with Penan Communities in Borneo, conducted participatory photography workshops as a primary methodology to document ecological knowledge*
- *Documented Sustainable Agriculture in Malaysia and barriers to farming through interviews and community videography*
- *Co-leader of annual community coffee harvesting course with one village in Oaxaca, Mexico to pilot community coffee course for US College Students*
- *10 years working experience in tropical agroforestry issues*

Wildlands CPR

Research Assistant

Missoula, MT

June 2006 to 2007

- *Proposed and developed project interviewing methodology forest service personnel, private land owners, and land managers involving the enforcement and implement of FS travel planning rule and enforcement of off-road vehicle use*
- *Developed literature review, interviews, case studies, and recommendations for managers and landowners*

International Student Volunteers, Costa Rica

Instructor

May to Aug. 2006

- *Taught intensive two week courses on development, conservation and agroforestry to US and Canadian college students in rural Costa Rica*
- *Managed community based volunteer work projects*
- *Conducted community mapping exercises with students*
- *Lectures emphasized endangered species, ecology, and conservation strategies*
- *Coordinated logistics with host families, all travel, evaluated students and community projects*

University of Montana College of Forestry and Conservation

Instructor, Technical Writing

Missoula, MT

Jan. 2004 to May 2004

- *Taught 30 undergraduate Forestry students grammar, editing, abstracts, reports, grant writing*
- *Organize class presentations, facilitated group editing workshops, taught critical writing skills*
- *Tutor students individually during office hours*

University of Montana College of Forestry and Conservation

Researcher

Panay, Philippines

May 2004 to Sept. 2004

- *Conduct participatory research with forest users on aspects of forest management in rural Philippines using both qualitative and quantitative techniques.*
- *Present data collection techniques and information with participating conservation NGOs*
- *Share preliminary results with relevant organizations based on analysis of forest management practices and analysis of Protected Area Conservation plans*
- *Write reports to funding agencies*

National Geographic Society, Megatransect Project

Project Coordinator

Washington, DC
Jan. 2002 to Aug. 2002

- *Organize and distill data from conservation Jay Michael Fay's Megatransect project across 1500 miles of Central Africa*
- *Edit video using Final Cut Pro, manage sound and photographic assets*
- *Recruit volunteers for project, design database for analysis and coordinate data entry*

US Peace Corps, Philippines

Protected Area and Community Development Volunteer

Manila, Philippines
May 1999 to Nov. 2001

- *Coordinate locally-based conservation initiatives with World Wildlife Fund for Nature and the Philippine Endemic Species Conservation Project*
- *Conduct biodiversity surveys with forest users and scientific teams*
- *Implement Hornbill nestbox project to install artificial bird boxes in the forest canopy*
- *Advise local government on projects related to ecotourism and development*
- *Lead National Geographic expedition to photograph rare wildlife and birds*
- *Organize youth conservation activities surrounding native reforestation, organized local and national environmental high school environmental camps*
- *Author grants for forest restoration and community development*

The Island Institute

Principal Investigator

Rockport, Maine
Aug. to April 1999

- *Conduct original research with educators, foresters, and loggers to develop a community-based approach to forest management problems on Maine Coastal islands*
- *Facilitate focus groups, community meetings, and interviews for research*
- *Present research results and recommendations to sponsors (The Island Institute, Senator Marge KilKelly, and undergraduate advisor)*

Columbia University, Biosphere 2 Center

Instructor and Naturalist

Oracle, AZ
Aug. to Dec. 1998

- *Assist in managing mangrove and forestry biomes in Biosphere 2 Center*
- *Conduct vegetation studies, data collection, selective cutting, and biomass removal*
- *Co-author protocols for experimental design inside Biosphere as a student project*
- *Lead educational tours and presentations to visiting colleges*

Sustainable Harvesting Project, The Desert Museum

Research Team Member

Tucson, AZ

Aug. to December 1998

- *Member of five-person research team supervised by Gary Nabhan investigating sustainable harvest practices of Native American communities living in the Sonoran Desert*
- *Plant identification, interviews, database development, and analysis*
- *Participate in meetings with Mexican government, local craft producers and distributors to help implement a "seal of sustainability" on products*

EDUCATION

University of Montana, School of Forestry

M.S., Department of Society and Conservation

*Thesis title: Knowledge and use of Native Trees By LOCAL FOREST USERS:
Implications for A Philippine Protected Area Biology*

Thesis: http://www.cfc.umt.edu/grad/ICD/pdf/Jackson_Noah.pdf

Missoula, MT

Sept. 2004 to 2007

Bowdoin College

B.A. in Anthropology and Environmental Studies with minor in Biology

Brunswick, ME

Sept. 1994 to June 1998

Columbia University, Earth Semester

*Earth Systems Science, Conservation Biology, Western US land
management policy, independent research.*

Oracle, AZ

Sept. 1998 to Dec. 1998

Ropemanship Course, Iloilo Mountaineers

Training for preparation to safely conduct research work in the forest canopy

Panay, Philippines

Sept. 1999 to Oct. 1999

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

Brunei Rainforest Gallery and Brunei Natural History Society

Photographs and Projects in the Sarawak Rainforest

Brunei

June 2010

Center for Agroforestry Research

Seed and Tree Networks, A Participatory Fulbright Scholar Project

*Presentation Title: Seed and Tree Networks, A Participatory Fulbright Scholar Project for
The World Agroforestry Center*

Bogor, Indonesia

July 2009

Malaysian Cultural Society

Presentation Title: Indigenous Forest Culture in Malaysia

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

July 2009

Conservation at the Crossroads

International Wildlife Film Lecture Series, Invited Speaker

Slide lecture: the politics of conservation and place in the tropics and US West

PHOTOGRAPHIC / VIDEO & WRITING PROJECTS

Regular Contributor to Rainforest Alliance Frogblog through weekly articles

See <http://rafrogblogus.wordpress.com/2011/05/18/the-missing-bee-in-secret-gardens-cultivating-the-vanilla-of-madagascar/>

Consultant for Chicago Field Museum Educational Video on Cocoa Production in West Africa

<http://www.fmnh.org/chocolate/>

Rainforest Alliance Audits and Work

Numerous Blogs and Photoessays on Rainforest Alliance website and blog

<http://vimeo.com/29166001>; <http://bit.ly/Madagascar-Vanilla>

Cocoa Farming in Cote D' Voire

<http://www.rainforest-alliance.org/multimedia/indonesia-farm-communities>

Coffee Production in Vietnam

<http://www.rainforest-alliance.org/multimedia/vietnam-coffee-video>

Farming in Indonesia

<http://www.rainforest-alliance.org/multimedia/indonesia-farm-communities>

Documenting Issues Surrounding Palm Oil Sustainability , 2009

Shown on Discovery Asia, <http://www.youtube.com/user/seepeppermint>

Select Agroforestry Projects in Southeast Asia

<http://hopeinlight.com/Firefly-magazine.pdf>

Malaysia Popular Press / Star Newspaper

<http://www.thestar.com.my/lifestyle/story.asp?file=/2008/7/19/lifefocus/1603439&sec=lifefocus>

- *of subjects, and The Island Institute*