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Resume

Professional Profile

- ❖ Effective Researcher; using quantitative and qualitative research methods to analyze housing issues and programs within graduate study.
- ❖ Engaging speaker; presenting research at a nationally acclaimed conference on urban issues.
- ❖ Collaborative community organizer and negotiator; working with local media and businesses to organize community events within the AmeriCorps Program.
- ❖ Adept leader; using communicative and networking skills as a student organization president to leverage funds, bring in accomplished academic speakers, and organize university-wide events.
- ❖ Knowledge of MS Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook, ArcGIS, JMP (Statistical software) and Python (language)

Education

- ❖ **Iowa State University**, Ames, Iowa
Masters of Community and Regional Planning: July 2012
Cumulative GPA as of June 2011: **3.87/4.0**
- ❖ **University of Iowa**, Iowa City, Iowa
Bachelor of Arts Degree: May, 2008
Major: Anthropology

Academic Honors and Appointments

- ❖ Iowa State University of Graduate Community and Regional Planning Club (President)
- ❖ Iowa State University Graduate Community and Regional Planning Club (Secretary)
- ❖ Recipient of the 2012 American Institute of Certified Planners 'Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year Award'
- ❖ Recipient of the 2012 Burgess Graduate Scholarship
- ❖ Recipient of a 2011 APA Housing and Community Development Division Research Grant

Highlighted Professional Experience

- ❖ **Planning Intern**, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, City of Des Moines (Present)
*Duties: Assisting with the production of the first comprehensive regional plan for the Des Moines Metro Area, The Tomorrow Plan (www.thetomorrowplan.com), Compiling project reports, Producing G.I.S. maps from census data, Assisting with public outreach events for the regional plan, Compilation and analysis of funding and transportation project data for several jurisdictions, Participating in and presenting at technical and policy committee meetings, Assisting with the scoring of federally funded projects.

- ❖ **Research Assistant** for Professor Jane Rongerude Iowa State University, Department of Community and Regional Planning, Ames, Iowa (January 2011- May 2012)
*Duties: Cataloged and analyzed HOPE VI (Public housing redevelopment projects) related literature and materials, compiled those materials in an excel database, analyzed census data using ArcGIS, researched affordable housing issues including rural affordable housing and the housing choice voucher program.

- ❖ **Housing Services Intern**, Housing Services Department, City of Des Moines (May-July 2011)
*Duties: Processed applications, updated information, sat with clients, conducted research on available handicap accessible units for the city of Des Moines.

- ❖ **Natural Resource Aide**, Maquoketa Caves State Park, Department of Natural Resources for the State of Iowa, Maquoketa, Iowa (August 2009- December 2009; May 2010-August 2010)
*Duties: Ran interpretive programs involving cultural and natural history, Organized and participated in fundraising events as well as school field trips.

- ❖ **AmeriCorps Park Naturalist**, Maquoketa Caves State Park, Department of Natural Resources for the State of Iowa, Maquoketa, Iowa (May 2009-August 2009)
*Duties: Ran interpretive programs for the park; organized school trips to the park; conducted research of historical/archaeological material for interpretive programs; researched animal species and natural history of the park; organized volunteer projects; conducted archaeological ground survey.

Community Service and Student Organization Projects

- ❖ Organization of 2 Fundraisers for the Maquoketa Caves Friends Group; involving radio interviews, and community outreach.
- ❖ Organization of volunteer project construction during Americorps for an interactive interpretive center within the Maquoketa Caves Park.

Professional Affiliations and Conferences

- ❖ Presented as a part of a research panel in April 2012 at the Urban Affairs Conference in Pittsburgh, PA
- ❖ Attended the National Planning Conference in Boston 2011 (American Planning Association).

References

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