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Masters of Environmental Studies at The Evergreen State College

Research | Communication | Interdisciplinary Focus

Disability justice and Environmental studies focused, I have used GIS to bridge these traditionally disconnected fields. I have a background in social science, cultural studies, disability studies, and environmental studies where I use my experience with my disability to find gaps in access. Thanks to this skill set, I have done multiple projects to increase awareness of accessibility and work with the school.

EDUCATION

South Puget Sound Community College – Olympia, WA

Associate of Arts – Cultural Studies and Social Science, 2018

Evergreen State College – Olympia, WA

Bachelor of Arts and Science – an emphasis in Social Science and Environmental Studies, 2024

EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

GIS for Field Data Collection

The Evergreen State College

Spring of 2023

Produced a completed survey to Access and Trio services of the Benches around Evergreen.

- Created and tested surveys using Esri Survey 123.
- Learned the basics of ArcGIS Pro.
- Cemented my interdisciplinary focus on environmental studies and disability justice.
- Learned how to take GIS out of the classroom and collect data using phones and other technology.

The Fungal Kingdom

The Evergreen State College

Fall and Winter of 2023

Completed an Identification Notebook of ten fungi and lichen after developing identification and field observation skills in the first quarter; with identifying all macrolichen of a specific EEON plot was the culminating project of the second quarter after continuing to build upon the skills.

- Learned to use dichotomous keys as a tool in identifying Lichen and Fungi.
- Completed lichen plot research that entailed field sampling, data collection, and identifying macrolichen.
- Developed skills in using molecular tools to identify fungal specimens through fungal DNA isolation and PCR labs.

In Sickness and In Health

- The Evergreen State College

Fall and Winter of 2022

Worked on two group projects to produce collaborative reports, and a presentation to proper school departments to increase accessibility. Along with group work, multiple individual projects were completed using autoethnography, ethnography, ecotherapy, and positive psychology.

- Drew on an illness narrative for an autoethnography on chronic illness and ableism.
- Built upon critical thinking skills to debate with peers on the need to ground positive psychology and carefully source materials.
- Produced a group project on the need for a Disabled Student Club to Trio and Access Services.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Natural Beginnings Garden - Olympia, WA

Sep-Dec 2023

Intern at their Olympia Farmer's Market Stall

- In charge of experimenting on at-home microgreens compared to the farm's.
- Learning more about how microgreens were grown and what their tolerance curves are.
- Covered the stall and handled sales when needed.
- Developed connections with other vendors.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Natural Beginnings Garden Stall - Olympia, WA

July-September 2023

Olympia Farmer's Market

- Acted as sales and informational representative at the stand.
- Handled money at the end of the day.
- Aided in customer relations.