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Farm Experience

Farm Manager and Intern Coordinator | University of Florida, Field & Fork Program | August 2018 - Present

- Teach UF students and farm visitors about agro-ecological food production through internships, volunteer work, and outreach events.
- Develop university-level agro-ecological crop production and food system curricula. The first half of the semester focuses on soil health and ecologically informed techniques. The second half presents food justice and the political economy of food.
- 10% of interns have gone on to farm professionally. Several work with food as teachers, grocers, extension agents, or engineers.
- Cultivate fresh produce to provision the Hitchcock Field & Fork Food Pantry for food insecure students and affiliates.
- Manage and maintain large tractor and implements for the research fields, small tractor and row tools for the high succession market garden, orchard tools in the agroforestry garden, and garden tools and small engines for the home demonstration gardens.
- Organize field days, open houses, volunteer events, thank you and morale supporting events for 400+ visitors per semester.
- Coordinate programming within the farm team and with food pantry staff. Programming includes: budgeting for good food purchasing, cooking demonstrations, 'how to take care of yourself naturally' workshops, youth programming for preschool through high school aged students, and collaboration projects with other institutions and centers within UF.
- Facilitate and support research projects conducted by graduate assistants, professors, and local non-profits; topics include cover crop isotope tracing, regional seed adaptation, fertility trials (cole crops), variety trials (kale, collards, mustards, peanuts), ginger and turmeric photosensitivity evaluation, bat flight patterning, and many short term undergraduate research efforts.

CSA Coordinator | The Family Garden | August 2017 - July 2018

- Managed wholesale, restaurant, and 375 CSA accounts for a 20 acre organic and food justice certified farm. Ran logistics and delivery for accounts and a farmers market. Administered compliance records, including spray, harvest, sales, and cost logs. Shifted the communication method from top-down to horizontal and held regular staff meetings to improve the workflow.

Farm Worker & Garden Educator | January 2015 - July 2017

- Porters Quarters Community Garden Mentor | North Central Florida | August 2016-May 2017
 - Designed the Porters Elementary Gardening Program with fellow community members. Taught organic gardening and cooking classes as an afterschool program while substituting at the student's elementary and middle schools.
- The Family Garden Farmhand | North Central Florida | September 2016-December 2016
 - Worked on a Food Justice Certified and Organic Certified 20 acre farm producing fairly priced organic produce. Laid plastic mulch and drip irrigation, planted, harvested, processed, packed, and marketed product to wholesale and retail customers at the county farmers market.
- Full Circle Farm Dairy Farmhand | North Central Florida | April 2016-July 2016
 - Rotationally grazed 60 milk cows on a regenerative dairy farm. Milked daily, crafted value added dairy products for sale throughout Florida, prepared shipments, led planting and caring for 1600 trees planted in swales, maintained fencing and fence lines, completed construction and organizational projects. Assisted with record keeping and chores of the forest raised pork business.
- Many Fold Farm Intern | Chattahoochee Hills, GA | January 2016-March 2016
 - Worked a lambing season for 150 ewes. Monitored pregnant ewes, intervened for non-normal presentations, cared for up to 200 lambs at a time, and oriented volunteers. Completed veterinary duties and assisted in milking, rotationally grazing, and assessing body condition scores for breeding purposes.
- Hammock Hollow Farmhand | North Central Florida | November 2015-January 2016
 - Planted, cultivated, fertilized, fertigated, harvested, processed, packed, and shipped specialty produce to restaurants around the State of Florida and the Southeast.

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Farm Worker & Garden Educator, continued | January 2015 - July 2017

- Demeter International Intern | Germany & Switzerland | July 2015-October 2015
 - Toured biodynamic dairies with farmstead creameries: Gut Ogrosen, Lehenhof, Musenalp. Milked twice daily, made cheeses, fed calves and cows, observed herds, managed pasture (mowed, spread seed and manure, cut hay), and maintained dairy buildings, equipment, and fencing.
- Swallowtail Biodynamic Farm Intern | North Central Florida | January 2015-June 2015
 - Worked on a team to balance fieldwork, greenhouse, harvest, and packing vegetables and flowers. Staffed farmers markets and CSA drop-offs, and rotationally grazed eleven meat sheep. Organized monthly Farm-to-Table dinners and led educational tours of the farm.

Community Food Systems Service

Rural Concerns Advisory Committee Member | September 2021 - Present

- Appointed to discuss and make recommendations to the Alachua County Commission about rural issues, including broadband access, road quality, agricultural services, land use rules, and county/state relations and policy issues.

Food Systems Coalition Member | June 2019 - Present

- Serve as an Economic Development Networking Group member connecting local food organizations, city, county, and regional institutions to improve food access, production, and security in North Central Florida. Work closely with several local growers and represent their voices in local food systems discussions.

National Young Farmers Coalition Member | January 2015 - Present

Slow Food Youth Network Member | August 2011 - Present

Foreign Languages and School

Languages

- Spanish (Fluent) | Portuguese (Fluent) | German (Advanced Intermediate) | French (Advanced Beginner)

University

- MS Food & Resource Economics | University of Florida | December 2014
 - 3.9/4.0 | Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellow
 - Research : *Assessing nature-based recreation to support economic development and environmental sustainability extension programs.* Ecosystem valuation of the Saint Johns River. Published in the Journal of Extension
 - Job : Research Assistant | June 2014-December 2014
- MS Rural Development | Humboldt University Berlin | December 2014
 - Magna Cum Laude | Erasmus Mundus Program Grant
 - Research :
 - Rubber Cultivation and Livelihood in Yunnan, China. Published by the agriculture-horticulture department as a book.
 - Evaluation of EU's CAP Rural Development Programs in Southern Slovakia and Northern Hungary.
 - Job : Research Assistant | April 2013-October 2013
- BS Economics | University of Florida | December 2011
 - 3.6/4.0 | US-Brazil Consortia Program FIPSE Grant for study at UFPR in Curitiba, BR