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I am seeking an opportunity to apply my second language training, environmental knowledge, and sustainable community development experience to education and outreach. Through my actions, I want to help facilitate the empowerment of youth or marginalized populations to become healthy and proactive citizens.

**Education:**

- Master of Liberal Studies –Northern Arizona University (2007)
  - Thesis: Permaculture in El Salvador: An Alternative to Neoliberal Development
- Master of Bilingual and Multicultural Education- NAU (2007)
- Teaching English as a Second Language Graduate Certificate-NAU (2006)
- Bachelor International Business-University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (1997)

**Professional Experience:**

**8/2007-current Environmental Educator, Camp Colton Flagstaff, AZ**

- Teach experimental environmental education to sixth graders at a residential camp through a combination of instruction and outdoor activities. Classes include: Wildlife, Botany, Pond and Water, Survival Skills, and Map and Compass.
- Manage extracurricular activities and unexpected situations in a dynamic atmosphere.
- Assist in cooking, cleaning, and directing camp to ensure a healthy and safe experience.
- Responsible for a fundraising project with a goal of \$80,000.

**12/2003-8/2007 Peace Corps Recruiter Flagstaff, AZ**

- Managed the Flagstaff Peace Corps office for the Los Angeles regional office.
- Recruited prospective volunteers through advertising, public speaking, conducting information meetings, and coordinating numerous special events throughout the year.
- Completed applicants' files through obtaining necessary paperwork, interviewing, and assessing the person's suitability for service in the Peace Corps. (130 volunteers nominated)

**5/2000-7/2002 United States Peace Corps Volunteer El Salvador**

- Assisted the municipal government in forming and training community groups, writing grant proposals for developmental projects, eco-tourism excursions and translation.
- Provided disaster relief for 30,000 local earthquake victims.
- Developed and implemented a two-year reforestation program involving 10,000 trees, public institutions in 15 rural communities, and 300 students from five schools.
- Aided the formation of the departmental chapter of Habitat for Humanity, and directed work with national and international volunteers.
- Participated in women's and youth education and sustainable development projects.

**12/1997-7/1998 International Sales Coordinator, San Jamar Elkhorn, WI**

- Coordinated international region activities by working with regional market managers and international customers to ensure support and services
- Attended trade shows, and supported promotional activity and product development.
- Maintained contract pricing updates, international forecasts, and product allocation.

**6/1997-12/1997 International Customer Service, San Jamar Elkhorn, WI**

- Responsible for coordination of products, lead time, documentation, method of shipment, and customer confirmation for various methods of payment for all international orders.
- Developed interpersonal skills to handle multicultural customer concerns and train colleagues.

### **Community Involvement:**

- Flagstaff New Day Peace Center – Co-Founder, Co-Facilitator, & Board Member (2003-current)
- Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Northern Arizona - Chair & Active Member (2003-current)
- Mountain Meadows Permaculture Farm Volunteer - Flagstaff, AZ (2004-current)
- English as a Second Language Tutor – Winter Park, CO (1999), Flagstaff, AZ (2008)
- Habitat for Humanity - Whitewater, WI (1993-1997), El Salvador (2001-2002)
- International Business Association – Whitewater, WI (1994-1997)

### **Additional Training:**

- Solar Home Design (2008)
- Master Gardener (2007)
- Beekeeping (2007)
- Documentary Film Production (2006)
- Grey Water Systems (2005)
- Extending the Season – Garden Preparation (2004)
- Wilderness First Responder Certification including CPR/First Aid (2004-2010)
- Community Market Design and Evaluation (2003)
- ACTFL/ETS Advanced level of Spanish Language (2002)
- Peace Corps Technical, Cross Cultural, and Language Training (2000)
- Foreign Study – Sevilla, España (Spring Semester, 1996)

### **Computer Proficiency:**

- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher) on Mac and PC platforms
- Movie Production: Final Cut Pro, iMovie
- Internet: Fire fox, Explorer; Email Systems: Eudora, Outlook

### **Relevant Experience:**

- Filmed and Produced a 10 minute documentary film on the Permaculture Institute of El Salvador ([www.mountainmates.com/ipes.htm](http://www.mountainmates.com/ipes.htm))
- Professional Outdoor Activities (1999-2007): single and multi-day white water rafting, multi-day backpacking, and ski instructor
- Developed a Service-learning curriculum guide for Latin America

### **References:**

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