

# Robyn Thiel Wilson

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## Personal Statement:

I seek to apply my second language training, environmental knowledge, global understanding, and sustainable community development experience to education and outreach. Through my actions, I want to help facilitate the empowerment of youth and marginalized populations to become healthy, resilient, and proactive citizens.

## Education:

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

## Professional Experience:

### Executive Director

**University Centers of the San Miguel (UCSM), Telluride, CO**

**6/2008-current**

- Manage the non-profit organization; direct students, and staff, board of directors; communicate effectively with staff, grantors, colleges, and community; plan events; maintain and strengthen community and college collaborations.
- Create and oversee continuing education classes and accredited courses; recruit and manage instructors and adjunct faculty; advise and register students; implementation of the Telluride Summer College with Mesa State College focusing on environmental science, permaculture, and sustainability.
- Implement West End Strengthening Communities Grant allocation to perform a regional community education assessment, and launch the new video conferencing system between Naturita and Telluride.
- Regional Center Coordinator for Colorado Northwestern Community College supporting their distance courses and degrees and dual credit classes in 6 local high schools.
- Create and implement a regional multi-media marketing plan.
- Maintain fiscal responsibility and accurate bookkeeping and budgets through QuickBooks.
- Write grants to local and state foundations, organizations, and governmental entities.
- Conduct college and career counseling for adults and high school students
- Teach permaculture, international service-learning trips, and multicultural/TESL education classes.

### Development Assistant and Environmental Educator/Camp Counselor

**Camp Colton, Flagstaff, AZ**

**8/2007-6/2008**

- Wrote grants with a prospective value of \$90,000.
- Managed fundraiser involving Arizona Tax Credits with a goal of \$80,000.
- Taught experimental environmental education to between 50-100 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.
- Managed extracurricular activities and unexpected situations in a dynamic atmosphere.
- Assisted in cooking, cleaning, and directing camp to ensure a healthy and safe experience.

### Northern Arizona Volunteer Recruiter

**United States Peace Corps, Flagstaff, AZ**

**12/2003-8/2007**

- Managed the Flagstaff Peace Corps office in conjunction with the Los Angeles regional office.
- Recruited prospective volunteers through advertising, public speaking, conducting information meetings, and coordinating special events throughout the year.
- Completed applicants' files through obtaining paperwork, interviewing, and assessing suitability.
- Nominated 130 volunteers. Brought NAU from #20 to #10 in the country for currently serving alumni. Doubled nominations per year compared to years past.

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## Professional Experience (continued):

### Municipal Development Volunteer

*United States Peace Corps, El Salvador*

*5/2000-7/2002*

- Assisted the municipal government in forming and training community groups. Wrote grants for developmental projects. Planned eco-tourism excursions. Aided medical missions and assisted the mayor's office with translation and NGO partnerships.
- Provided short and long-term disaster relief for 30,000 local earthquake victims.
- Developed and implemented a two-year reforestation program involving 10,000 trees, 15 rural communities, and 300 students.
- Aided the formation of the regional chapter of Habitat for Humanity, participated in fund raising, and coordinated national and international volunteers.
- Facilitated women's and youth education and sustainable development projects.

### International Sales Coordinator

*San Jamar, Elkhorn, WI*

*6/1997-7/1998*

- Coordinated international activities by working with international managers and customers.
- Attended trade shows, supported promotional activity, and product development.
- Maintained contract pricing updates, international forecasts, and product allocation.
- Responsible for coordination of product orders, production time, documentation, method of shipment, and payment for all international orders.

## Relevant Experience:

- Movie Production: Permaculture In El Salvador, featuring the Permaculture Institute of El Salvador ([www.mountainmates.com/ipes.htm](http://www.mountainmates.com/ipes.htm)). Presented at:
  - 8<sup>th</sup> International Permaculture Conference (Brasil 2007)
  - RESET: Humanitarian Impacts of Climate Change and Peak Oil (England 2008)
  - Rocky Mountain Conference on Latin America (Arizona 2008)
- Outdoor Adventure Guide (1999-current): single and multi-day white water rafting, multi-day backpacking, ski instructor (professional and private)
- Developed a Service-Learning curriculum guide for El Salvador ([www.mountainmates.com/Robyn.htm](http://www.mountainmates.com/Robyn.htm))
- Food & Beverage (1992 – current): waitress, bartender, food preparation, planning, and ordering for entertainment, tourism, residential education, and multi-day rafting and backpacking trips.

## Additional Training:

- 2004 – 2011: Wilderness First Responder Certification
- 2008 – present: Non-profit trainings: leadership, budgeting, fiscal responsibility, program and personnel management, evaluation, strategic planning, marketing, grant writing, etc.
- 2010: Permaculture Design Certificate; AIARE Avalanche Level 1
- 2009: Building Farmers
- 2008: Passive Solar Home Design
- 2007: Master Gardener; Beekeeping
- 2006: Documentary Film Production
- 2005: Grey Water Systems; Permaculture Practicum
- 2003: Community Market Design and Evaluation
- 2002: ACTFL/ETS Advanced level of Spanish Language
- 2001: Disaster Preparedness and Relief; Community Leadership Development (El Salvador)
- 2000: Peace Corps Technical, Cross Cultural, and Language Training (El Salvador)
- 1996: Foreign Study – Sevilla, España

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## Community Involvement:

- Red Cross: Disaster Relief Volunteer – Western Slope Chapter, Colorado (2011 – current)
- Ridgway Community Garden: member – Ridgway, CO – (2009 – current)
- Flagstaff New Day Peace Center–Co-Founder, Board Member - Flagstaff, AZ (2003-2008)
- Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Northern Arizona – Chair (2004-2008)
- Mountain Meadows Permaculture Farm Volunteer - Flagstaff, AZ (2003-2008)
- English as a Second Language Tutor – Winter Park, CO (1999)
- Habitat for Humanity - Whitewater, WI and El Salvador (1993-1997, 2001-2002)
- International Business Association – Whitewater, WI (1994-1997)

## Computer Application Proficiency:

- Microsoft Office: (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher) on Mac and PC platforms
- Movie Production: Final Cut Pro, iMovie
- Website and Design: Dreamweaver, Illustrator
- Bookkeeping: QuickBooks
- Social Media: Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, LinkedIn

## References:

Amy McBride, Development Director of the Montrose Library

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Additional references are available on request.

Please see [www.mountainmates.com/Robyn.htm](http://www.mountainmates.com/Robyn.htm) for additional information about myself including: testimonials, transcripts, specific knowledge, outdoor adventure experience, and a copy of my thesis, movie, and curriculum guide.