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Education

The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki – Thessaloniki, Greece

M.A. Risk Communication/Crisis Journalism

October 2018 – July 2019

GPA: TBA – *Scholarship Recipient*

- **Cognitive Linguistics Research Group** member

Warren Wilson College- Asheville, NC

B.A. Anthropology/Sociology concentration Cultural Anthropology

December 2016

Minor: Spanish

GPA: 3.48/4.00 – *Academic Dean's List* and *Community Engagement Dean's List*

- **Beck Scholarship Recipient Senior Capstone Project**

Awarded by the Sociology/Anthropology department for senior thesis research. Capstone research focused on a study of ethno-linguistics was conducted over a one-month period in the municipality of Santiago Juxtlahuaca, Oaxaca, Mexico.

- **Warren Wilson Sutton Leadership Scholarship**

- **Athletic Scholarship** -Varsity Swim Team

Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla – Puebla City, Mexico

Spring 2015

GPA: 4.00/4.00

- Semester-long study abroad experience in Puebla City, Puebla, Mexico. All courses were conducted in Spanish. Courses studied include Contemporary Socio Political Movements, Political History of Latin America, Political History of North America, Political History of Mexico and Universal History of Art. Participated as a member of the swim team.

Rotary Youth Exchange – U.S.A. to Indonesia

2013 – 2014

- Website: <http://myrotaryyouthexchange.blogspot.com/>

Gap-year experience which included homestays with Indonesian families and attending Sekolah Menengah Kejuruan (SMK) or vocational school in music and dance. Attended scheduled Rotary meetings and participated in numerous volunteer opportunities such as book distribution and conducting English lessons.

International, Teaching and Leadership Experience

American Farm School – Thessaloniki, Greece

August 2017 – June 2018

Elementary Education Fellow

- Selected for a year-long fellowship at the American Farm School Elementary School

- Collaborated with other English teachers to create experiential lessons for English language instruction at the first through fifth grade levels.

- Actively promoted American culture through everyday interactions, guided presentations and instructional lessons around various U.S. holidays.

- Founded and led the Spanish Club for the high school at American Farm School.

SayABC – Online

September 2018 – Present

English Teacher

- Online English teacher to children who are in China between the ages of five to twelve.

Learning Enterprises – *Los Santos, Panamá*

Fall 2016 – Summer 2017

Program Director

- Lead of 12 college students who were volunteered as English teaching assistants in rural public schools in Azuero Peninsula of Panama.
- Screened and interviewed candidates using Workable and Skype technologies.
- Created resources for volunteers including teaching materials and Panamanian cultural information.

Teacher

Summer 2014

- Taught English with students from kindergarten up to eighth grade.
- Independently prepared weekly lesson plans incorporating English lessons with a global perspective, emphasizing conversational language skills.
- Photographed the experience for Learning Enterprises.

Outdoor Retreat & Ministry of the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church - *Lake Geneva, Wisconsin and Dixon, Illinois, U.S.A.*

Summers 2015 – 2016

Summer Program Staff

- Primary caregiver, environmental educator, residential theologian for groups of youth ages 7-17.
- Instructed numerous canoe, kayaking and sailing excursions.
- Would communicate about the experience a given camper was having at the camp with parents and/or legal guardians.
- Carried out general maintenance such as carpentry and beach cleanup at the camps.

Warren Wilson College – *Asheville, North Carolina, U.S.A.*

Photographer and Writer – The Echo (school newspaper)

Fall 2013 – Winter 2016

- Developed skills in Photoshop, InDesign and Excel.
- Met deadlines and collaborated with other members on creative story ideas and layout designs.
- Interviewed prominent guests to the school and photographed their lectures or presentations.

Design Staff – Media Relations

Fall 2016 - Winter 2016

- Used GoPro technology to create promotional materials for the school.
- Collaborated with other designers and photographers on media-based projects impacting the campus community.
- Offered critical feedback on the projects from other crewmembers.

Green School - *Sibang Kaja, Bali, Indonesia*

Teaching Intern

Summer 2014

- Developed daily lesson plans and activities for students between the ages of 10 and 15.
- Incorporated environmental education and music education into the curriculum.

Community Volunteer Work

Programs of Development, Social Support & Medical Cooperation (PRAKSIS)

October 2017 – May 2018

- Volunteered alongside colleagues from the American Farm School at a shelter for unaccompanied minors seeking asylum in Greece.
- Organized bi-monthly activities including sporting activities, art projects and English lessons for the minors.
- Led a two-month long photography seminar with six boys from the shelter that concluded in a public photography exhibition held at The Child's Asylum of Thessaloniki.

Rooted in Community - Asheville, North Carolina

Fall 2016

- Fall break trip spent collaborating alongside the Roots Foundation to promote nutrition, sustainable and collaborative agricultural education amongst elementary school students.
- Built a community garden at Verner Early Childhood Education Center.

Immigration: Realities of the American Dream - La Grange and Americus, Georgia

Fall 2015

- Worked with Americus Mennonite Fellowship, Alterna Community, Koinonia Farm and the Fuller Center in southern Georgia for one week.
- Tutored bilingual elementary students in reading comprehension and math skills.
- Did construction work alongside other break trip participants.

Conservation & Preservation - Virginia Beach, Virginia

Fall 2014

- Fall break trip spent studying environmental conservation through workshops at the Virginia Beach Aquarium.
- Provided landscaping support and construction work.

Defensa Comunitaria - Asheville, North Carolina

Fall 2014 – Winter 2015

- Translated community meetings between Spanish to English.
- Provided childcare at meetings to children ages 5-10.
- Participated in coordinating cross-cultural events within the community.

Hall Fletcher Elementary School - Asheville, North Carolina

Fall 2013 – Spring 2014

- Provided bilingual after-school childcare to elementary school children.
- Taught evening English classes to parents of children at the school.

Holiday Service Trip - War, West Virginia

Winters 2013- 2014

- Numerous weekends spent collecting and distributing donations for the community of War.
- Provided carpentry, maintenance and painting services to residents.

Conferences

American Studies Seminar

Spring 2018

- Represented the American Farm School in a two-day seminar concerning diplomacy and geo-politics in the Balkans region.

North Carolina Environmental Justice Network Conference

Fall 2016

- Invited to a weekend-long conference analyzing NC environmental justice strategies and intersectional ties between social and environmental justice initiatives.
- Studied grassroots and state-level initiatives for improving the environment.

Student Climate Conservation Congress (SC³)

Summer 2011

- Selected to participate in a week-long collaboration with the Green Schools Alliance and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the National Conservation Training Center in West Virginia.
- Joined workshops, lectures and various projects centered on the themes of environmental conservation.

Languages

English, fluency

Spanish, fluency

Bahasa Indonesia, proficiency **French**, proficiency
Modern Greek, proficiency

Training & Certificates

- **First-Aid/(child and infant) CPR/(child) AED**- American Heart Association – issued 2016
- **Lifeguarding/First-Aid/CPR/AED**- American Red Cross – issued 2016
- **SCUBA Open Water Diver**- Scuba Schools International – issued 2013

**References available upon request*