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Education

The Florida State University

Tallahassee, Florida, June 2011-Present

M.A. English

Concentration: Post-1900 Literary and Cultural Studies

Interest: Twentieth Century Transnational Modernism

Vassar College

Poughkeepsie, New York, August 2004-May 2008

B.A. English, Italian

Concentrations: Twentieth Century Modernism, Visual Art, Futurism, Fairy Tales

Thesis: A Fairy Tale Education from Roots to Nuts: Archetypal Mother Figures and the Journey of Youth in "The Juniper Tree"

Università di Bologna

Bologna, Italy, January-May 2007

Semester Study Abroad

Università di Siena

Siena, Italy, July-August 2006

Summer Intensive Language Study

The Asheville School

Asheville, North Carolina, August 2000-May 2004

Adventure Experiences

Kayaking

Florida, November 2007-Present

Wacissa River, Wakulla River, St. Mark's River, Gulf of Mexico, Ochlocknee Bay

Georgia, October 2012

Atlantic Ocean, Tybee Island to Little Tybee Island kayak camping

Thailand, September 2008-June 2011

Gulf of Thailand, Andaman Sea

Adventure Planning

Southeast Asia, September 2008-June 2011, May-July 2012

Highlights: trekking, white water rafting, elephant riding, exploring waterfalls, fire poi, finding the best in local markets, and learning to cook local cuisine in Laos, Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Malaysia, and Indonesia

Europe, June-August 2006, January-June 2007, December 2011-January 2012

Highlights: lived in Siena (2006), lived in Bologna (2007), the Palio in Siena, Italian cooking classes in Bologna, caves and grottoes of Southern Portugal, seeing the art and architecture of Barcelona by bicycle, hiking and partying in Lagos, hiking in Malta, hitch-hiking to beaches in Sicily, and otherwise exploring Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, and Malta

Alaska-Florida Road Trip

Talkeetna, Alaska, to Tallahassee, Florida, August 2012

Highlights: camped on the Alaskan Highway, Grand Canyon

Bicycle Touring

Phnom Penh-Kampot-Kep, Cambodia, June 2012
Barcelona, Spain, March 2007

Travel Photography

North America, July 2011- Present
Southeast Asia, September 2008-June 2011, May-July 2012

Distance running

Tallahassee Half Marathon, Tallahassee, Florida, February 2012
Girl Scouts Run for the Cookies, Tallahassee, Florida, February 2012
Bangkok Mini Marathon, Bangkok, Thailand, October 2008 and 2010
Maui Half Marathon, Maui, Hawaii, September 2008

Surfing

Bali, Indonesia, March-May 2009
Oahu, Hawaii, June-August 2007, June-September 2008

Divemaster

Koh Phi Phi, Krabi, Thailand, June-September 2009, April-May 2011
Dive guide, rescue diver, course assistant, and boat leader at sites on Koh Phi Phi Ley, Koh Phi Phi Don, King Cruiser ferry wreck, and Shark Point (incl. night dives)

Bali, Indonesia, March-June 2009
Dive guide, rescue diver, and course assistant at sites surrounding Bali: wreck diving on the USAT Liberty wreck in Tulamben, drift diving on Nusa Penida, diving with manta rays at Manta Point, and night dives in Sanur Bay

Rock Climbing

Tonsai and Railay, Krabi, Thailand, April-June 2011, July 2012
Oahu, Hawaii, June-August 2007, June-September 2008
Top rope climbing (skill level 6A-6B), bouldering, deep water soloing, repelling/abseiling

Camp Counselor

Camp Erdman, North Shore, Oahu, Hawaii, June-August 2007, June-September 2008
Activities instructed: swim lessons/lifeguard, ropes course, beach ecology, hiking

Camp Thunderbird, Lake Wylie, South Carolina, June-August 2003-2005
Activities instructed: swim lessons/lifeguard, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, pottery

Publications

"Taking it to the Streets," *Southeast Asia Backpacker Magazine*, January/February 2011
"Are You a Backpacker Fashion Victim?" *Southeast Asia Backpacker Magazine*, July/August 2010
"The Beach," *Southeast Asia Backpacker Magazine*, May/June 2010
"Living the Dream: Can You Backpack Forever?" *Southeast Asia Backpacker Magazine*, March/April 2010

Other Accomplishments and Certifications

Certificates: PADI Rescue Diver and Divemaster, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

Language proficiencies: fluent Italian, conversational Spanish and Thai

Runner-up for *Outside Magazine* 2012 Adventure Grant with Chase Berenson for Thailand by tuk-tuk proposal

Founding member of the Vassar College On Tap modern and tap dance troupe

Member of the Modern Languages Association, Lambda Iota Tau, and Sigma Tau Delta Literary Honor Society