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270 Rockingham Dr
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Education

Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas Aug 2004 – May 2008
Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology
Bachelor of Science in Psychology
Graduation Date: May 2008, *magna cum laude*
Cumulative GPA: 3.86/4.00
Anthropology GPA: 4.00/4.00
Psychology GPA: 3.97/4.00

Centro Lingüístico Conversa, Santa Ana, Costa Rica Summer 2005
Study abroad Spanish immersion program, no degree

Relevant Experience

Rosetta Stone, Inc., Harrisonburg, Virginia Feb 2009 - Present
Intern with The Endangered Language Program
Working with native language experts in designing custom language software for the purpose of language revitalization
Exploring innovative technologies that possess potential for language learning
Collaborating closely with supervisor in restructuring program as a nonprofit organization

Sun Microsystems, Inc., Santa Clara, California June 2008 - Present
Contractor, Instructional Designer and Social Media Specialist
Researching social and mobile learning, virtual worlds, and ways to leverage social media for educational purposes
Designing collaborative learning environments and instructional material

Digital Ethnography Working Group, Manhattan, Kansas Jan 2007 – May 2008
<http://mediatedcultures.net>
Researched structure of online environments and their impact on social organization and culture
Served as member of research team conducting an ethnography of YouTube and other internet media
Gained skills in digital video, audio, and photo editing

Diigo, Reno, Nevada March 2007 - Present
<http://www.diigo.com>
Serving as consultant and member of development team
Responsibilities include testing beta software and developing, producing, and editing videos showcasing social media services

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology Aug 2006 - Dec 2007
Created and taught lessons in cultural anthropology
Led class discussions and guided 60 students in creating final projects to be implemented during the innovative World Simulation

Senior Thesis, *Negotiating Id/entity in Internet-Mediated Contexts* Spring 2008
Researched extensively the impact of internet-mediated communication on culture, social behavior, and identity

Activities and Honors

Earned prestigious Ibn Battuta Award for Best Anthropological Research Paper for senior thesis
Co-creator of Sapiens Symposium, undergraduate anthropology conference
Semester Academic Honors, multiple semesters
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
Psi Chi Honor Society
College Life Café advisory board
Anthropology Club
Alliance for Religious Exploration, Tolerance, and Education

Other Experience

Experience using HTML, CSS, Adobe Photoshop, Dreamweaver, and Sony Vegas video editing software
Featured speaker at World Education Congress on the social impact of new media, Las Vegas, Nevada
Panelist on social media, Learning Technologies Conference, Queensland, Australia
Video tribute to anthropologist David Maybury-Lewis, debut screening at Oxford, subsequent screening at 2008 American Anthropological Association conference
Radio interview on Digital Production Buzz about YouTube research
Multiple presentations on social media
Consultant, assisting professors integrate social media into the classroom
Mentorship (Angus Ware, Australia), digital media research project
Tutored undergraduates in the four fields of anthropology
Digital media consultant for graduate student led academic journal out of Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Digital ethnography consultant for Professor Kyra Gaunt, Baruch College, CUNY
Consultant and member of advisory board for 21st Century Schools
Traveled in Costa Rica, Bolivia, Peru, and Chile
Participated in archaeological field school

Research

Explorations in South American Shamanism: Power, Ambiguity, and Acoustic Space
Research conducted under the supervision of Dr. Harald E. L. Prins.

Lexicon of the Bantu language Ekegusii. Linguistic research conducted under the supervision of Dr. Tiffany Kershner and Danvas Mabeya.

Digital ethnography of YouTube. Internationally recognized ethnographic research conducted under the supervision of Dr. Michael Wesch.

Negotiating Id/entity in Internet-Mediated Contexts. Award-winning senior thesis written under the supervision of Dr. Michael Wesch.

Languages

English (native), Spanish (intermediate), French (beginner), and exposure to Navajo, Chitimacha, Ekegusii, and Iñupiaq