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EDUCATION

The Pennsylvania State University, College of Liberal Arts

Anthropology B.A. and Psychology B.S.: Neuroscience Concentration

Biology minor

State College Area High School

Graduated with honors

University Park, PA

Aug 2018 – Present

GPA: 3.89

State College, PA

Class of June 20

WORK EXPERIENCE

POLARIS Research Project

Research Assistant

- Search and summarize for food insecurity and migration literature
- Compile food assistance support programs and policies
- Image search for website development

University Park, PA

Sep 2021 - Present

Bilingualism and Language Development Lab

Research Assistant

- Assist in running psychological experiments with electroencephalogram technology
- Run behavioral tests
- Code and score data for accuracy
- Create experimental stimuli
- CITI Biomedical Human Subjects Research (IRB) certification

University Park, PA

Jan 2020 - Present

Sep 2018 – May 2019

Soaring Eagle Phase III

Field Technician

- Assisted in Late Woodland site excavation
- Dug test units and sifted for artifacts

Julian, PA

Oct 2021

Fort Halifax Archaeology Field School

Field Student Technician

- Assisted in excavation of prehistoric and historic artifacts and features from French and Indian War fort
- Learned and carried out archaeological field methods, including opening a site, digging test units, metal detection surveying, and mapping Fort Halifax
- Gained familiarity with total station surveying
- Kept records on units and features through mapping, reports, soil identification, photographing, and photo logging
- Cleaned and catalogued artifacts, including labeling and bagging artifacts to indicate site number, test unit, level of discovery, and item number

Halifax, PA

June 2021

Language and Aging Lab

Research Assistant

- Assisted in psychological experiments using fMRI technology
- Coded and scored data for accuracy
- Created experimental stimuli
- Ran and analyzed quality of Diffusion Tensor Imaging data

University Park, PA

June 2020 - Dec 2020

May 2019 - August 2019

Wiedner Gymnasium School

Language Assistant

- Assisted in Austrian high school English classes
- Worked with students from various age groups and proficiency levels
- Taught English language and lectured on American politics and society

4th District Vienna, Austria

Sep 2019 - Dec 2019

SweetFrog State College

Senior Supervisor

- Interacted with customers; handled customer concerns and inquiries
- Supervised shifts and store closing
- Cleaned store, prepared food, trained new employees

State College, PA

Aug 2016 – Aug 2018

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Fort Ligonier Veterans Archaeology Program

Volunteer

- Assisted with excavation work and artifact collection and cataloging

Ligonier, PA

August 2021

AIDS Resource Center

Volunteer

- Helped create easily distributable safe sex packages

State College, PA

June 2020 - Present

Mid-State Literacy Council

English Tutor

- Virtually tutored English as a second language (ESL) one-on-one
- Created individualized ESL lesson plans

State College, PA

June 2020 - August 2020

Penn State Alternative Breaks

Program Co-Leader

- Researched topics relating to LGBTQA+ youth, health, and rights
- Organized and facilitated a virtual guest speaker event on HIV/AIDS and LGBTQA+ community

University Park, PA

May 2020 - Dec 2020

International Rescue Committee

Volunteer

- Assisted in English classes for refugees
- Helped with child care programs for refugees
- Tutored high school students from refugee families in natural sciences for after-school program

Atlanta, GA

Spring Break, 2020

Centre Safe Collaborative Domestic Abuse Project

Project Initiator and Coordinator

- Initiated, developed, and collaborated on a joint project with Centre Safe and State High
- Created applicable template for domestic abuse education
- Researched domestic abuse and spectrum of abuse, conducted interviews, and utilized template in State High classes with Centre Safe to teach domestic abuse

State College, PA

Nov 2017 – May 2018

Challenging Science Investigations

Volunteer

- Led and taught STEM labs to middle school students
- Encouraged female middle schoolers' interest in STEM

State College, PA

2017-2018

Centre County Library & Historical Museum

Data Entry Volunteer

- Created and organized virtual files of death records
- Made records available genealogical use and easy access

Bellefonte, PA

Jun 2017 – Aug 2017

Shaver's Creek Summer Camp

Leader-in-Training

- Facilitated group activities
- Assisted in the management of groups of children
- Encouraged and taught environmental subjects

State College, PA

2014 – 2017

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author: Paterno, Sarah & Pauline, Maria. Finding the Fort: The Juniata College Field School at Fort Halifax Park – Part 1. Oct. 2021. *Blog of the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office.*
- Co-Author: Paterno, Sarah & Pauline, Maria. Finding the Fort: The Juniata College Field School at Fort Halifax Park – Part 2. Oct. 2021. *Blog of the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office.*

COMPETENCIES

- Excel
- Praat software
- UNIX
- E-Prime
- R Studio
- Photoshop
- French Proficiency