

Katie Hunt

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Experience:

November 2021- Present Day

Fossil Prep Lab Manager, Elevation Science Institute for Natural History Exploration (Philadelphia, PA and Red Lodge, MT)

My responsibilities include: the excavation and preparation of fossils, managing the ESI lab volunteer program, managing and maintaining a safe prep lab space, facilitating and leading in-person and virtual educational programming relating to ESI and fossil preparation, virtual scicomm on social media platforms, and maintaining a partnership between ESI and The Academy of Natural Sciences.

December 2019 – October 2021

Paleontology Assistant Preparator, The Children’s Museum of Indianapolis

My responsibilities include: the excavation and preparation of fossils from both Jurassic Morrison and Cretaceous Hell Creek formations, working with volunteers to recruit, schedule, train, and oversee their participation in both fossil preparation and communicating with the public, offering support to my lab team for educational programming including written scripts and guides

August 2018 – July 2020

K-12 Education Engagement Specialist, Indiana State Museum

My responsibilities included: managing all aspects of the Out-of-School time programming for ISM, including the scheduling, creation, and implementation of unique off-site STEM programming for ages K-12, the performance and management of field trip programming on-site, the daily operations of all permanent and traveling exhibits, and the creation of virtual learning content (video, photography, and written) for both the museum and COBUILD-19, a museum partner.

Education:

May 2015

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology (emphasis archaeology), Northern Arizona University

Major in anthropology with an emphasis in archaeology. Focus on archaeology, theory of applied anthropology, and faunal remains.

Relevant Classes: Indigenous Perspectives in Anthropology, Cultural Resource Management, Anthropology Theory, Proseminar in Archaeology, Linguistic Anthropology, Biological Anthropology, Principles of Archaeology, Cultural Anthropology, Geology and Archaeology Field School, with an emphasis in megafaunal remains in Northern Kentucky (University of Cincinnati, 2013 and 2015)

May 2018

Completed coursework towards a Master of Arts in Applied Anthropology, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Major in Applied Anthropology with an emphasis in archaeology, coursework in museum studies

Relevant classes: Human Anatomy, Historical Archaeology, Anthropology Theory, Collections Care and Management, Fundamentals of Applied Anthropology, Geographic Information Science, Science Communication, Object-Based Learning (museum studies)

Master's Internship: Hoosier National Forest, which included fieldwork in archaeology on the Charles C. Deam Wilderness, analysis of cemeteries located within the forest, and cataloging artifacts

Technical Training in:

- CPR/ AED (March 2021)
- Red Cross First Aid, Stop the Bleed, and EpiPen (March 2021)
- Forklift Operator (April 2021, Methods and Materials training)
- Rigging Training (April 2021, Methods and Materials training)
- Extraordinary Customer Service (Annual)
- Boy Scout Youth Protection Training (February 2020)
- Respirator Fit Testing (Fall 2021)

Special Skills:

- Field excavation in various environments
- STEM public programming (tabletop activities, informal, and formal microphone programs)
- Social media content creator
- Coursework in SciComm and writing science articles for public audience
- Collections care and management, including artifact handling
- Thin section creation
- Air scribe care and management
- Familiar with equipment such as: air scribe, air abrader, reciprocating saw, dust collectors, hammer drill, rock saw, etc)

References:

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