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EDUCATION

Auburn University Bachelor of Science

Fall 2016 - Spring 2020

Major: Geology / Earth Sciences (Focus: Paleontology)

EXPERIENCE

Elevation Science for Natural History Exploration - Field Technician and SciComm Manager Summer 2022 - Current

- Excavating and preserving Morrison Formation fossils
- · Assisting and leading weekly crew members and daily visitors
- Giving tours of quarries to visitors and student programs
- Quarry managing: site mapping, field ID, fossil inventory
- Running social media platforms
- Collecting and facilitating fun, educational online content to grow social media presence
- Sharing and explaining new research to public
- Outreach events

Auburn University Museum of Natural History - Lab Technician

Spring - Fall 2022

- Rehousing, relabeling, and preservation of data of large donation of ichthyology collection
- Transporting specimens to off-site storage
- Training and supervision of lab volunteers
- Preparation and distribution of preservatives

Auburn University Museum of Natural History - Camp Counselor (Curious Curators)

Summer 2022

- Presenter for paleontology curriculum
- Educating and supervising campers throughout camp's natural history subjects

Snapology - STEM Instructor

Summer 2022

• Presenting and facilitating various STEM activities to elementary students

Sternberg Science Camps (Sternberg Museum of Natural History) - Paleontology Instructor Summer 2021

- Designing activities, lessons, and projects for students to engage in online-based camp
- Communicating scheduling and regular feedback to students and parents
- Keeping consistent communication with director and teaching assistant as needed
- Making changes to curriculum as needed to keep students engaged and challenged

North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences - *Naturalist Center Intern* Spring 2021

- 10-15 hours per week attending virtual meetings and completing assignments by supervisors
- Meeting with guest speakers to explore museum history, specimen preparation, and science communication
- Completing final research project focused on Cretaceous dinosaur diversity in eastern North America
- Presenting final research project to supervisors, fellow interns, and museum guests
- Final project resulted in data being used for upcoming *Dueling Dinosaurs* exhibit

Auburn University Department of Geosciences - Research Assistant

Fall 2019 - Spring 2020

- Micro-picking samples of meiofauna collected from San Salvador
- Identifying, sorting, and recording all specimens found

Auburn University Department of Geosciences - Teaching Assistant

Summer 2018

- Attending all field trips with professor, students, and guests
- Providing support with fossil identification, collection, and field safety
- Creating answer keys for weekly learning modules
- Keeping contact with students via email and assisting with understanding material

Auburn University Department of Geosciences - Research Apprentice Spring 2017

- Traveling to Dauphin Island, AL to assist graduate student with field data collection
- Transporting and placing samples in designated locations around the coast
- Removing and transporting specimens back to campus for results via CT scanning
- 3D analysis using Anubis 3D software

FIELD EXPERIENCE

Morrison Formation (Jurassic) Summer 2019, 2022 - Present

Mooreville Chalk Formation (Cretaceous)Summer 2018 - 2021Demopolis Chalk Formation (Cretaceous)Summer 2018 - 2021

Eutaw Formation (Cretaceous)Summer 2019Fort Payne Formation (Mississippian)Summer 2019

VOLUNTEERING

Auburn University Museum of Natural History - Collections Assistant (Paleontology)

Fall 2017 - Fall 2023

- Coordinating with other volunteers to meet long-term preservation methods and organization of collection specimens
- Responsible for organizing and digital cataloging of fossils

Auburn University Department of Geosciences - Science Olympiad

Spring 2019

- Choosing and preparing specimens to be used in fossil portion of competition
- Supervision and grading of students
- Monitoring of handling fossils

Auburn University Department of Geosciences - Geology Tutor

Fall 2018

- Offering tutoring services and exam preparation for science education students in Dynamic Earth (GEOL 1100) and Historical Geology (GEOL 1110)
- Weekly and biweekly sessions to individuals and groups

Auburn University Department of Geosciences - Mosasaurs of Alabama

Fall 2017

- Exhibit displayed in Auburn University geology hall based on mosasaur fossil remains discovered in Selma, AL
- Participating in research and display of fossils
- Cleaning and maintenance of display case as needed

OUTREACH

Alabama Paleontological Society

Spring 2024

Boys & Girls Club of Carbon County

Winter 2023

Boys & Girls Club of Red Lodge, MT

Summer 2023

OG Con 2023, Gulfport, MS - A History of Dragons

Summer 2023

Perdido School, Perdido, AL

Spring 2023

Odyssey of the Mind, Lovettsville, VA

Spring 2023

Auburn University Museum of Natural History: Dinosaur Egg Unveiling

Summer 2022

Arnold Magnet Academy, Columbus, GA

Fall 2021, 2022

Jefferson County Schools, Homewood, AL

Fall 2022

Auburn University Paleontology Club

Fall 2022

Virtual STEM Career Fair, North Lanarkshire, Scotland

Summer 2021

Escambia County Schools

Spring 2021

Auburn University Museum of Natural History Open House

Fall 2017 - Fall 2022

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Prehistoric Life Podcast (Spotify, YouTube)

Fall 2023

Jurassic Paleoart Expo (Instagram)

Fall 2023

Your Dinosaurs Are Wrong (YouTube) - Interviewee

Summer 2023

Fossil Crates: Paleo Portals

Spring 2023

BBC Future (Could Dinosaurs Have Grown Any Bigger?) - Interviewee/Source

Spring 2023

Why Dinosaurs? (Documentary) - Interviewee

Spring 2021, Released Fall 2023

I Know Dino (Podcast; Dinosaurs in Alabama with Skye Walker)

Fall 2022

Stories from Bone (Documentary) - Interviewee

Summer 2022

Jurassic Paleoart Expo (Instagram)

Fall 2021

Fossil Crates (YouTube; Celebrating Women in Paleontology)

Fall 2021

Fossil Crates: Paleo Portals

Fall 2021

Future Me (YouTube; A Paleontologist's Advice to Students) - Paleontology Consultant Fall 2021

Path of the Paleontologist (YouTube; Raymond M. Alf Museum of Paleontology) - Panelist Summer 2021

Riana's Lens (Podcast; Episode 19) Summer 2021

Daring to Dig: Adventures of Women in American Paleontology (Virtual Exhibit)Spring 2021

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Alabama Paleontological Society Association for Materials and Methods in Paleontology Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Mu Alpha Theta Phi Theta Kappa