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Nationality: British
Date of Birth: 18 June 1987 (25 years)

Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology (2.1)

Master of Research in Ecology, Evolution and Conservation (Merit)

Passionate about wildlife film-making with personal experience in filming, directing and editing

Eighteen months of teaching experience

Excellent written and verbal communication skills

Key strengths

Science education. The opportunity to talk about science to anyone is something I greatly enjoy. I think there are so many ways to excite people's interest in a particular area. I strongly believe it is important that we try to create a love for our planet in children while they are young so in the future we can have a society that respects our Earth.

Film-making. Throughout my life I have had the ambition of creating a film that captures the beauty of the planet. This is something that I feel I am ready to begin to realise through learning about wildlife film-making and working with people who are at the forefront of the industry. Furthermore using wildlife film to raise awareness of key environmental issues is very important to me.

Communication. Whilst working in many different roles I have learned the importance of good communication within and between organisations. Throughout my degrees I have had to carry out many presentations and communicate with professors and environmental companies. Furthermore, I have had various interactions with the media, this is something I enjoy.

Educational Qualifications

2010 – 2011

Imperial College London, United Kingdom

MRes in Ecology, Evolution and Conservation (Merit)

Research project 1 – Local adaptation in the bdelloid rotifers to parasites in their environment. By comparing the resistance of rotifers with parasites from different patches of moss we can assess the extent to which they are locally adapted to the parasites in their home patch.

The project involved; **sample collection, animal culture, intensive experimentation, PCR and genetic analysis, statistical analysis and phylogenetic tree construction.**

Research project 2 – Information integration in Pharaoh's ants. By looking at the time taken for a colony of ants to make a decision whilst foraging we can identify how changes to environmental variable affect their foraging strategy. Journal submission in progress.

The project involves; **colony construction, experimental and equipment design, statistical analysis and rigorous control of populations.**

2006 – 2009

University of Manchester, United Kingdom

BSc (Hons.) in Zoology, (2.1)

Main Topics: Biodiversity, Urban Ecology, Species Evolution, Conservation Biology, Evolutionary and Population Genetics

Final Year Project: I wanted to look at the idea that being specialised is an evolutionary dead end. Using strains of E. coli from Richard Lenski's lab I examined the effect of varying degrees of evolution on the adaptability of a strain. Degrees of evolution were 0, 5,000, 10,000 and 20,000 generations. Once this was established the ability of each strain to recover from 'specialisation' was examined.

Skills developed: A rigorous scientific approach to problem solving and an ability to work within tight time constraints.

Research Field Trips:

- **South Africa:** Animal Behaviour and Insect Ecology. Designed and carried out a project looking into the preferred habitat of Bushveld grasshoppers with respect to their size and species.
- **Scotland:** Marine Ecology. Looked at the heat tolerance of limpets with a view to future climate change models.
- **France:** Biodiversity and Ecosystem Dynamics. Worked on food selection in true bugs and the cues the bugs use when looking for food.

Work Experience

2010 – 2011

Feb. to July

SEI English Academy, South Korea

English teacher – children aged 7 – 16 and adults.

Taught classes of around 12 children varying subjects including science, history and art. Designed my own classes and teaching techniques.

2009 – 2010

Aug. to Feb

The Great Hall Wedding Manor, Lancashire, United Kingdom

Events coordination and bar and restaurant service for weddings with up to 150 people.

2006 – 2009

Part-time Job

Erasmus Quarter, Manchester, United Kingdom

Promotion Team Leader

Communication duties: Event planning, staff management

Achievements: Position involved cross-cultural team-work; ability to efficiently coordinate staff with the objective of organising successful events (over 1500 attendees).

Volunteer Work

2012

Fuse FM, Manchester student radio

Experience as a guest and a host on the show. This involved preparation of content and guests.

2012

Wildscreen Festival volunteer, Bristol, UK

Wildscreen film festival is a non-profit organisation that brings together wildlife film makers from all over the world to celebrate the films from the last two years and discuss current issues within the world of wildlife media. My role was to help delegates whilst at the festival.

2005 – 2008

Red Marsh Special Education School, UK

Teaching assistant to children with learning difficulties.

This has greatly improved my confidence and ability to interact with children and work alongside a group of people. In some cases the children could not understand English therefore it was important to convey ideas through expression and intonation.

2006 - 2007

Manchester Museum, UK

Assisted in insect identification and cataloguing. This helped me gain experience in identifying insect and an understanding of classification.

Language and I.T. Skills

Languages

- English and French

IT

- Proficient in MS Office applications
- Experienced in a variety of video and audio editing software
- Experience in Geographical Information Systems (GIS) software
- R statistical computing and programming language

Hobbies and Interests

Film-making

I love to get involved with and start my own film productions. I have used GoPro hero and DSLRs to film and various editing software. I find editing the footage to be enjoyable and this is when I learn from all the mistakes I have made during filming.

Music

Guitar and piano.

Sports

Tennis, football, volleyball and Taekwondo (black belt).

Travel

Belgium, France, South Korea, Hungary, the Netherlands, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Spain, United Arab Emirates, South Africa, Hong Kong.

Professional and academic references available upon request.