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Education

Wildlife Film Academy (NHU Africa)	May 2012 – Jun. 2012
BTEC Advanced Award for Forest School Leaders	Oct. 2010 – Jul. 2011
MSc Zoo Conservation Biology, Plymouth University	Sept. 2006 – Sept. 2007
BSc Zoology, Bangor University - 2.1	Sept. 2002 – Aug. 2005
A Level, Hautlieu School, Jersey	Sept. 2000 – Aug. 2002
Biography (C) History (B) Law (C) Mathematics (E)	
GCSE, Les Quennevais School, Jersey	Sept. 1995 – Aug. 2000
Design Technology (B) Double Award Science (BB) English Language (C) English Literature (B) French (A) History (B) Mathematics (B) Statistics (B) GNVQ: Information Technology (merit).	

Research Experience

Scientific Paper (unpublished)	Sept. 2009 – Jun. 2010
<i>Climate change and its influence on the slender-tailed meerkat (<i>Suricata suricatta</i>)</i> Kalahari Meerkat Project, Kuruman River Reserve, South Africa. An ongoing project that involved collating weather and behavioural data in order to detail the affect climate change has on the survival of the slender-tailed meerkat	
MSc Dissertation, Durrell Wildlife	May 2007 – Sept. 2007
<i>Activity budgets and social interactions of the blue-crowned laughing thrush (<i>Garrulax courtoisi</i>)</i> Using my bachelor's thesis as a benchmark, the aim was to study behaviour and social cues to create a precise picture of the social hierarchy and daily activity patterns of this species, creating a detailed portrayal of the behaviour of this bird, which can be used to aid efforts to save such a critically endangered species	
BSc Dissertation, Durrell Wildlife	Jun. 2004 – Jun. 2005
<i>Nesting and social behaviour of yellow-throated laughing thrush (<i>Garrulax galbanus courtoisi</i>)</i> This study was the first recorded captive study of this critically endangered bird and was designed to provide an insight into their social behaviour and breeding habits that would aid in their captive management.	

Employment

Education Officer, National Trust for Jersey	Oct. 2010 – Present
Solely responsible for the educational program run by the Trust which involves running guided walks for families, children and schools. I have also set up a wildlife pond project for local schools that has won a local award. An important part of my role is to liaise closely with the local media and journalists to promote the Trust and its work.	
Behavioural Researcher, Kalahari Meerkat Project	Jun. 2009 – Jun. 2010
Joint collaboration ran by the University of Cambridge and the University of Zurich. Using computerised methods in the field, raw data was collected on the reproductive conflict and social communication of habituated groups of meerkats. Further responsibilities were assigned to enable the continued success of the research station	

Sales Assistant, St. Peter's Garden Centre

Dec. 2008 – May 2009

Head Cheetah Keeper, Cheetah Conservation Fund

Apr. – Aug. 2008

An initial three month volunteer period that developed into a six month stay and the position of head cheetah keeper. This involved being accountable for the 52 resident cheetahs unable to be released back into the wild, alongside tackling any emergency situations which arose, including solving incidences of human-animal conflict.

Technical Administrator, CPA, Jersey

Oct. 2007 – Apr. 2008

Ongoing Volunteer Work

Jersey Bat Group, Jersey

Jul. 2010 – Present

Responsible for the conservation and on-going protection of the bat species present on the island. This involves performing surveys of current and potential bat roosts, helping to implement the conservation laws and in addition, educating and communicating with the general public with respect to the British bat species.

Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust

Dec. 2001 – Present

Active supporter and volunteer for Durrell for over ten years. I have worked for numerous animals departments as well as the PR and marketing team during Durrell's 50th anniversary campaign. Good teamwork and much adaptability are needed to ensure the continued success of such a complex and controlled environment.

Further Skills

Fully competent with Windows and Mac OS, and Microsoft Office. Good knowledge of Adobe Photoshop, Premiere and Final Cut Pro as well as database and statistical packages, such as SPSS.

Attributes - attention to detail, flexibility, patience, passion and desire to learn more about the physical world.

Interests

Photography, wildlife film-making, bird-watching, bird-ringing, falconry, martial arts, football, traveling, trekking. Spending time outdoors to feed my passion and desire to learn as much as I can about the natural world.

Photography portfolio can be found here: <http://500px.com/Slequesne>

Filming portfolio can be found here: <http://vimeo.com/naturafilms>

Wildscreen Festival . I am attending the 2012 festival where I will be taking part in Workshops on presenting, outside broadcasts and TV researchers. My aim is to learn more about the industry meet new people and create opportunities for myself for the future as I am determined to succeed.