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University of Maryland, College Park: Master's of Applied Anthropology (M.A.A.) (Aug 2018-May 2020)

Faculty Advisor: *L. Jen Shaffer, Ph.D.*

Focus: *Applied Ethnobotany, Food Anthropology, Museum Studies*

Master's Project: *Expanding ethnobotanical education at the San Antonio Botanical Garden, (San Antonio, TX) including creation of a native plant database, tours, signage, labeling, library support, and general consultation.*

Fordham University: Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Policy (B.A.) (Aug 2010-May 2014)

Senior Thesis: *"Growing Roots: Gardening as a means to mitigate urban poverty and its symptoms"*

Work Experience

San Antonio Botanical Garden, San Antonio, TX (Sept 2020-Present)

Conservation and Volunteer Programs Specialist: *Administer SAWS Water Conservation Program and maximize the contract through developing and implementing adult education programming. Support the volunteer program and responsible for recruiting, managing, and training a dedicated group of touring volunteers.*

University of Maryland: David C. Driskell Center, College Park, MD (Aug 2018-Sept 2020)

Editor & Content Manager: *Contract supporting operations while transitioning online, website management, and development of "David C. Driskell Papers" online archival exhibition celebrating the legacy of Prof. Driskell.*

Graduate Assistant: *African American Art Museum and Archive. Responsibilities included: office administration, staff management, editing, website management, student engagement, and development (grant writing/reporting, donor correspondence, and managing guest experience at events). Supported completion of six art exhibitions and planning multiple future exhibitions (development, installation, tours, event planning, and content creation).*

International Rescue Committee, Baltimore, MD (March 2016-Aug 2018)

New Roots Specialist: *Managed Baltimore branch of national refugee holistic health program. Ran 3 urban gardens, managed farmers market partnership program, mental health programming, nutritional education, ethnographic research, community engagement, and development (grant prospecting, writing, and implementation). Managed part-time staff and extensive, highly rated, internship program.*

Scansite, Inc., San Rafael, CA (June 2015 – March 2016)

Business Development Manager: *Running daily office operations, production of media, assist CEO in all matters of 3D scanning company. Primary focus is museum collaboration and development.*

Scanning Technician: *Editing 3D data in GeoMagic Studio for 3D printing, reverse engineering, digital use, etc.*

The Phoenix Collection, Lagunitas, CA (Dec 2014 – April 2015)

Tea Associate: *Assisted with all operations of high-end Chinese tea import and distribution company.*

Education, marketing, packaging, tea tasting/analysis, buying directly from producers in Fujian, China.

Huyck Preserve and Biological Research Station, Rensselaerville, NY (June- Aug 2014)

Residential Coordinator and Field Teaching Assistant: *Supervised High School students at Ecological Research camp. Managed meal planning and preparation, educational activities, and aided students with research projects.*

Research Assistant: *Surveyed deer exclosures for the Environmental Monitoring and Management Alliance.*

New York Botanical Garden: Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden, Bronx, NY (Sept 2012-Nov 2013)

Gardening Workshop Instructor (Mar -Nov 2013): *Introduced classes to gardening through planting and composting activities and garden explorations. Assisted with maintenance of the site and developed programs.*

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Dig. Plant, Grow Instructor (Mar -Nov 2013): *Developed programs and guided families through garden activities.*
New York Botanical Garden: Wild Medicine Exhibition, Bronx, NY (May- Sept 2013)
Public Education Interpretive Station Intern: *Planner and interpreter for conservatory ethnobotanical exhibit.*

Volunteer and Service Experience

St. Rose's Urban Vegetable Garden, Bronx, NY (Mar 2012–May 2014)
Garden Manager & Co-founder: *Garden on Fordham University Rose Hill campus. Established spring 2012.*
Responsibilities: Community outreach, garden development, grant and proposal writing, volunteer coordination.

Concourse House Women's Shelter, Bronx, NY (Sept 2013-May 2014)
Garden Manager: *Tier Two Women's shelter with garden plots used in education, relaxation, and horticulture therapy. Responsibilities: General gardening, spring season planning, developing programs for residents.*

Fordham University Emergency Medical Services, Bronx, NY (Sept 2010- Dec 2013)
Director (Apr 2012–Apr 2013): *All administrative decisions of collegiate ambulance organization. Created, updated, and implemented policies, and wrote grants.*

Publications

Why Food?: The Importance of Food Consideration in Refugee Resettlement (submitted to *Gastronomica*)
By: Maeve Bassett, M.A.A.

Meta-Foraging: Seasonality of Online Searches for Forage Information in Two Urban Communities (in progress)
By: Maeve Bassett, M.A.A. and Jen L. Shaffer, Ph.D.

Chiltepin and the Chile Queens: An exploration of San Antonio Texas through Tex-Mex (in progress)
By: Maeve Bassett, M.A.A.

Talks

March 2020: Anthro+ Conference - University of Maryland, College Park
“*Meta-Foraging: Ethnobotanical foraging knowledge acquisition and transfer in a digital world*”

March 2020: M.A.A. Colloquium - University of Maryland, College Park
“*Ethnobotany at the San Antonio Botanical Garden*”

March 2019: Anthro+ Conference - University of Maryland, College Park
“*Anthropology in Action: Non-Profit Refugee Holistic Health Programming*”

September 2014: Achievement First Charter School - Brooklyn, NY
“*Understanding Worms*”

July 2014: Huyck Preserve and Biological Research Station
“*Introduction to Ethnobotany through analysis of Theobroma cacao*”
“*Identifying Wild Edible and Medicinal Plants*”

March 2014: Concourse House Women's Shelter: Invited to give a lecture and lead a discussion
“*Educating Pre-School Age Kids through Garden Interaction*”

Skills

Education
Community Outreach
Content Creation
Exhibition Development
Public Education
Research

Management
Budget Management
Grant Development/Reporting
Office Management
Program Evaluation
Staff/Volunteer Management

Technology
Database Management
Microsoft Office
QuickBooks
Social Media Management
Website Development