# **MAREN HAAS**

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#### **EDUCATION**

#### Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey

Monterey, CA

Masters of Arts: International Education Management

Expected Graduation: December 2016

Paul D. Coverdell Fellowship recipient

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

Minneapolis, MN

Bachelor of Arts: Biology, Society and the Environment

Minors: Chemistry and Spanish

May 2011

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### Middlebury Institute of International Studies

Monterey, CA

Graduate Assistant of Peace Corps Programs

August 2015 to present

- Collaborates with the Peace Corps Club and acts as liaison between the club and the university.
- Maintains contact with current Peace Corps Fellows about program requirements and opportunities.
- Updates job and event postings on the university's online career management database.

# National Outdoor Leadership School

Lander, WY

Operations Assistant, NOLS Professional Training

June 2014 to June 2015

- Assumed three positions for three months, hired a new administrative assistant, and organized and facilitated the training for five new employees during the transition of five team members.
- Worked with the Archer School for Girls to prepare over 200 students for weeklong courses annually.
- Participated in a Diversity and Inclusion workshop focusing on ways to practice allyship and increase awareness in and out of the workplace.

# Administrative Assistant, NOLS Professional Training

January 2014 to June 2014

- Registered students, processed payments and contacted students to gather required information.
- Entered and managed student and client data in databases: Phoenix, Nexus and File Maker Pro.
- Responded to inquiries from potential clients and future students via phone and email on a daily basis.
- Created and updated client webpages on the NOLS website.

#### University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

Minneapolis, MN

Academic Peer Adviser

June 2009 to May 2011

- Educated groups of 20, totaling over 1,000, incoming students on academic procedures and registration.
- Advised over 300 students on academic planning and other academic concerns, including: finishing in four years, study skills, and preparing for post-graduate plans.
- Developed programming and marketed student workshops for efficient study habits and career planning.

# INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

## Centro de Estudios de Español Pop Wuj

Quezaltenango, Guatemala

Spanish Immersion Student

July 2015

- Received one-on-one tutoring 5 hours a day, 5 days a week for 4 weeks.
- Constructed two stoves with the Safe Stove Project in a small community outside of Quexaltenango.

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# **United States Peace Corps**

Formal Education Volunteer

Lalgaye, Burkina Faso June 2011 to August 2013

- Planned and implemented mathematics program consistent with Burkina Faso's education program.
- Monitored and assessed student progress for four classes of 60 to 80 students through oral inquisition, tests and in class activities.
- Acted as financial officer through grant writing and expense tracking for a weeklong science camp with 40 student participants.
- Partnered with host country nationals to implement girls camp for 25 students, emphasizing decision-making skills, goal setting and confidence building.
- Trained incoming volunteers on co-teaching, teacher training, tutoring, life skills, cross-cultural integration and gender sensitivity in project design and implementation.

#### Fundación Ortega y Gasset

Toledo, Spain

International Exchange Student

January 2010 to April 2010

- Enrolled in four courses and lived with a host family for full immersion of language and culture.
- Volunteered to facilitate environmental activities including nature hikes, reusing recyclable materials, and learning about the wildlife of the Mediterranean ecosystem with groups of 25 students, ages four to eight.

### LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

# **Community Entry Services**

Lander, WY

Dancing with the Stars Lander Co-Chair

September 2014 to June 2015

- Coordinated event logistics and acted as point of contact for 24 event participants.
- Event raised over \$43,000 to benefit the clients of Community Entry Services

## National Outdoor Leadership School

Arizona

Southwest Outdoor Educator

January 2015

- Backpacked 16 days in the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge and climbed 14 days at the Cochise Stronghold.
- Acted as designated leader for 4 days planning routes, leading debriefs and mediating conflict.

Lander Cycling Club

Lander, WY

Vice President

March 2014 to June 2015

- Participated in monthly meetings and annual events including the Fremont Area Road Tour.
- Implemented grant funding for *Share the Road* signs on popular bike routes in the community.

#### Assistant Dean Freshman Advisory Board

Minneapolis, MN

Student Leader

September 2007 to May 2008, September 2009 to December 2009

- Represented the student voice on university projects with the Assistant Dean of the College of Liberal Arts.
- Developed leadership and provided mentorship for eight freshmen in the Sophomore Initiative program.

#### TECHNOLOGICAL SKILLS

- Software: Contribute, Google applications, Microsoft Office Suite: Word, Excel and PowerPoint
- Databases: File Maker Pro, Nexus, PeopleSoft, Phoenix, Symplicity CSM

# **LANGUAGES**

- **English**: native language
- **Spanish**: proficient (reading, writing, speaking)
- French: elementary (speaking, reading)

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