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Degree Objective:

Ph.D. in Human Ecology, emphasising Biological and Cultural Co-Evolution

Education:

Master of Arts in the Social Sciences

September 2005 – June 2006

University of Chicago

Bachelor of Arts in History & Cultural Anthropology

September 2000 – September 2004

University of California, Santa Barbara

with Honors and Distinction in the Major (History)

Research Interests

Cultural Diffusion & Conflict

Cultural & Biological Co-Evolution

Complex Dynamic Systems

History of Technology

East Asian History

Research Experience:

Master's Thesis

September 2005 – June 2006

"Japan's Cultural Inoculation: A Darwinian Account of the Radiation and Retreat of Firearms and Christianity, 1543-1650"

Advisor: William Wimsatt

Senior Honors Thesis

September 2003 – June 2004

"The City of Ephesus and the Fall of the Roman Empire"

Advisor: Harold Drake

Geographic Information Systems Technician

August 2004 – May 2005

Working under Barbara Walker in the Institute for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research (ISBER), processed marine wildlife population data using ArcGIS 8.0, geocoded the information and produced finished maps to be used in monitoring of the effectiveness of marine sanctuaries.

Archival Research Assistant

October 2002 – October 2003

Working under Viviana Marsano at the UCSB Multicultural Center, searched 19th-century census registers at the Santa Barbara Historical Society for data on Irish immigrants. Having digitized this information, built database for ongoing project on California Irish.

Publications:

Melody Reis and Bret Beheim. "A Theory of Social Formalism: The Four Horsemen and the New Deal." *Law and Society Review at the University of California, Santa Barbara* II (2003): 85-94.

Paper was awarded Santa Barbara County Bar Association Paper Prize Award, 2nd Place.

Professional Enrichment Programs:

One-Year Calculus Series

Mathematics 150 & 160

September 2006 – June 2007

Santa Barbara City College

Teaching Experience:

Master Instructor, The Princeton Review, Inc.

July 2006 – December 2006

Provided with company course materials for 6, 10, 24 and 48-hour test preparation courses, but responsible for creating syllabus and supplemental materials, tailored to individual student skills and needs. Demonstrated technical mastery of test subjects (Mathematics to Pre-Calculus, Spatial Abilities, and advanced English Reading, Composition,

Vocabulary & Grammar), as well as engaging teaching ability. Classes range from 3 to 30 students, and student age range was 13 years to adults.

Instructor, The Princeton Review, Inc.

September 2004 – September 2005

Classroom instructor and individual tutor for standard company prep courses for various standardized tests, including the SAT, SAT II, GRE, GMAT, ISEE, SSAT, DAT, MCAT (Verbal). Classes range from 3 to 30 students.

Academic Mentor, UCSB College of Letters and Science Honors Program

September 2003 – July 2004

Advising incoming freshman on adjusting to campus life, quarterly planning of undergraduate academic career.

“English as a Second Language” Tutor, UCSB Linguistics Department

September 2004 – December 2004

Met bi-weekly with Korean and Chinese Graduate Students who were working to pass a required English proficiency exam for Teaching Assistants.

Presentations Given:

"The City of Ephesus and the Fall of the Roman Empire"

History Department Senior Honors Colloquium, May 26, 2004

California Undergraduate Anthropology Conference, May 16, 2004

Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Colloquium, May 13, 2004

Invited Speaker, “College of Letters and Science Honors Program Thesis Panel”,
June 10, 2004

"Human Universals: Three Examples"

Anthropology 107, taught by John Tooby, UC Santa Barbara, March 10, 2001, presentation based on Donald Brown’s Human Universals, McGraw-Hill, 1991

"Daimyo Trail"

co-presented with Anthony Alvarez,

“Ancient Landscapes 2”, taught by Scott Branting, University of Chicago, March 15, 2005

Honors and Awards

Member, Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society

UCSB Lambda Chapter

Inducted 2004

Member, Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society

UCSB Gamma Iota Chapter

Inducted in 2003

Member, National Society of Collegiate Scholars

Inducted in 2000

Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URCA) Grant

Awarded Fall 2003

Positions and Memberships Held

President, Anthropology Student Union

May 2003 - June 2004

UCSB Anthropology Department

Conducted meetings, maintained club website, advertising, and inviting faculty from the Anthropology and other departments to give presentations at bi-weekly meetings.

Faculty Advisor: Katharina Schreiber

Budget and Fundraising Coordinator

August 2004 - May 2004

1st Annual California Undergraduate Anthropology Conference

Responsible for planning income and expenses for 100-person academic conference.

Successfully raised \$4,000 in grants.

Language Background

Japanese, four quarters of study.

Latin, two quarters of study.

Technical Proficiency

Mathematics to Differential and Integral Calculus

Windows Operating System

Adobe Photoshop Suite

Endnote Bibliography Software

ArcGIS Computer Mapping Suite

HTML