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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

January - March 2020

**Teacher and Researcher, Centro Integral para la Propagación de la Permacultura
Managua, Nicaragua**

- Conducted research on agricultural extensionists communication methods and identified fruit bearing, nitrogen fixing and melliferous trees at ECHO Global Farm that would be suitable for Nicaraguan climates.
- Taught Analog Forestry (AF) and Biointensive Gardening classes at 5 sites throughout Nicaragua; the AF classes culminated in researching uses of Jackfruit and subsequent germination and planting of over 150 Jackfruit saplings on 8 farms throughout the occidental region of Nicaragua
- Researched stingless hive bees as a way to generate new revenue streams for small scale farmers

October 2010 - May 2020

**FOUNDER and DIRECTOR, Casa Nica
Masaya, Nicaragua - Richmond, Virginia**

- Established and managed relationships with Nicaraguan Ministry of Public Health, Nicaraguan Ministry of Education, National University of Agriculture, Fraternidad Cristiana de Personas Discapacitadas, and One Laptop Per Child
- Collaborated with Nicaraguan partners for programming design and coordination in areas of Health, Education, Agriculture, Technology, and non-profit development
- Developed web presence on multiple platforms for recruitment purposes resulting in over 175 international volunteers from 11 countries joining Casa-Nica programs
- Organized Spanish language classes and homestays to provide optimal cultural immersion experiences for volunteers
- Set up Alternative Break trips for US universities and Internships for Belgian Optometry students
- Taught Analog Forestry and Biointensive gardening classes to highschool and University Students as part of Casa-Nica's agricultural outreach program

January 2019 - July 2019

CONSULTANT & FINANCIAL OFFICER, Nicaraguan Nonprofit (ACRISTF)

Richmond, Virginia

- Supervised training of new field director
- Prepared monthly budget reporting of \$6,000-\$18,000 for American counterpart (Arizona State University) and Nicaraguan non profit (ACRISTF)
- Directed making of two promotional videos as part of the overall outreach strategy for our drug and violence prevention program for youth (Dale, sé REAL) and our Parent/Youth training program (BRIDGES). Resulted in showing depth and quality of work to funders and encouraging continued growth of these programs

September 2013 - December 2018

Field Director - Nicaraguan NGO ACRISTF

Masaya, Nicaragua

- Managed 2 US State Department, International Narcotics and Law enforcement grants totaling \$516,806: 1. Citizen Security and Demand Reduction Program Development and Implementation and 2. Expanding the Influence of Dale se REAL
- Recruited and trained Nicaraguan team to assist in the cultural adaptation and implementation of two youth drug and violence prevention programs - (Keeping it Real and The 4th R) as well as well as a program focused on healthy parenting skills (Bridges)
- Prepared monthly budget ranging from \$3,500 to \$17,000 for American and Nicaraguan partner organizations
- Recruited and built a network of 85 Nicaraguan Schools and nonprofits to participate in drug and violence resistance programs; trained over 200 teachers and youth workers to implement the drug and violence resistance program
- Oversaw grant transition from US nonprofit to Nicaraguan Nonprofit management

June 2006 - June 2009

YOUTH & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST – United State Peace Corps, Perú

- Established ties with 2 English language institutes to provide full academic scholarships for 10 youth served by our non profit, Supporting Kids In Peru (SKIP)
- Designed and implemented extracurricular educational opportunities for secondary school children. Activities included: computer literacy, ESL, sexual health education, nutrition and surfing classes
- Organized youth development summer camps for 45 at risk youth; focused on job exploration and interviewing techniques to prepare them for post high school job opportunities

- Coordinated and made home and school visits for students participating in SKIP to ensure that students were able to attend school and that they were progressing in their academic studies

EDUCATION

Fall 2003: Texas A&M University, College Station

Bachelor of Arts

Major: Speech Communication Minor: Business

CONFERENCES,

Lu, Y., Pettigrew, J., Shin, Y., Castillo, M., & **Allsup, J.** (2018, October).

Family argumentativeness and expressiveness and adolescent dating violence and externalizing behaviors. Poster presented at the 9th European Society for Prevention Research, Lisbon, Portugal.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Languages: Fluent in English and Spanish (reading, writing and speaking)

Computer skills: Google suite, MS office suite,

Biointensive gardening training certification, Centro Agroecológico Biontensivo, 2015

Analog Forestry Certification, La Red Internacional de Forestería Análoga (RIFA), 2017

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Invasive Plant Task Force on Belle Isle, Richmond, Va.-

- Assisted other volunteers in the implementation of control measures of invasive plants and the reintroduction of native species. (2019-2020)

Friday Food Ministry at Centenary Methodist Church, Richmond Va.

- Prepared meals for 80-150 of the cities indigent and underserved population (2019-2020)

Shalom Farms, Richmond, Va.

- Assisted in planting and harvesting of row crops as well as ground finishing for greenhouse and ditch preparation and finishing of water main and irrigation lines. (2019)

CrossOver Ministry Clinic, Richmond, Va.

- Medical interpreting for Spanish speaking patients (2019)

Language Intercambio, Masaya, Nicaragua

- Facilitated bi-weekly language exchange for 45 ESL students. (2011-2016)