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EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA

Candidate for a Master of Science in Geographic Information Science and Technology Summer 2025

Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT

Recipient of a Bachelor of Arts in Conservation Biology May 2024

- **GPA:** 3.97/4.00
- **Sample Course Work:** Conservation Planning, Open GIScience, Cartography, Mapping Global Environmental Change, Human Geography with GIS, Biostatistics, Statistical Learning
- **Honors:** Phi Beta Kappa; summa cum laude; Eagle Scout (awarded 2019)
- **Academic Positions:** Research Assistant in the Allen Lab (May 2024; Fall 2023); Teaching Assistant for BIOL 140: Ecology and Evolution (Spring 2024; Spring 2023)

EXPERIENCE

UMass Clean Energy Extension – Amherst, MA

September 2024 – Present

Graduate Research Assistant

- Provide technical support for the Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative for Offshore Wind (RWSC)'s Bird & Bat Subcommittee, including meeting support, literature reviews, compiling data from different sources into spreadsheets, and drafting data standards and guidance

Charles River Watershed Association – Boston, MA

Summer 2024; Summer 2023

Watershed Restoration Intern – Summer 2024

- Created and edited maps using ArcGIS Pro and ArcGIS Online and composed documentation detailing GIS processes
- Researched sources on invasive plant species identification and management and developed public-facing resources to share among partner organizations

Data Communication Intern – Summer 2023

- Created materials on invasive plant species identification and management to support the River Restoration Program
- Assisted staff in outreach tasks to engage with community groups and residents

Breakthrough Strategies and Solutions – Remote

March 2023 – July 2023

Ecological Restoration Intern

- Researched case studies of successful ecological restoration across a variety of ecosystem types and locations and composed summaries describing their context in the scientific literature
- Created an ArcGIS StoryMap with an embedded map to visually represent 19 case studies

Town of Needham, Massachusetts – Needham, MA

Summer 2022

Intern to Support the Climate Action Plan Committee

- Assisted the nine-member Committee through research on environmental issues and independently presented to the Committee while in session during two monthly meetings
- Interviewed sustainability personnel in four municipalities deemed similar to Needham
- Completed a report outlining the feasibility of siting solar panels in a particular area of town

SKILLS AND ACTIVITIES

- **Computer Skills:** Experience with GIS in ArcGIS Pro/Online, Google Earth Engine, R, QGIS, and PostGIS. Experience with R (data analysis packages), Google Suite, and Microsoft Office.
- **Clubs and Volunteer Work:** Soil and Water Conservation Society (President; UMass Amherst Chapter); Sunday Night Environmental Group, MiddRuns (Member; Middlebury College)