

Bren Brennie

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EDUCATION

Master of Environmental Science and Management, 3.83 GPA (Expected June 2010)

Economics and Politics of the Environment Specialization

Bren School of Environmental Science and Management – University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)

Awards/Leadership: Doris Duke Conservation Fellow (2009); Bren School Sustainability Committee (BSSC)

Fundraising Chair/Member; Graduate Student Association Representative

Highlighted Coursework: Ecology of Managed Ecosystems; Biogeochemistry; Introduction to Policy Analysis; Business and the Environment; Environmental Politics and Policy; Climate Change Law and Policy

Bachelor of Science in Geology, 3.77 GPA (June 2003)

University of Washington (UW) – Seattle, WA

Honors/Involvement: Dean's List (5 Semesters), Geology Club Member

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Community Environmental Council (CEC), Santa Barbara, CA

Energy Program Intern (10/08–12/08)

- Researched renewable energy practices of 20 CA cities and 16 counties and created 20-page report of findings to aid in implementing “Fossil Free by ’33” program intended to transition Santa Barbara County from fossil fuels
- Presented above findings to 8 CEC staff via 20-minute PowerPoint presentation and 15-minute Q&A session
- Compiled Excel database of 15 regional vehicle fleets and communicated with fleet managers about fuel efficiency
- Created national resource for plug-in and electric vehicle (EV) conversion information, published on CalCars.org

Extranomical Adventures, San Francisco, CA

Tour Guide (5/06–9/08)

- Led groups of 10-50 diverse tourists to destinations in California, including the Bay Area, Yosemite, Muir Woods, Wine Country, and coastal locations, providing educational information alongside leisure activities
- Created, implemented, and guided a new daylong tour in San Francisco; researched attractions, scheduled tours, wrote script, trained 5 guides, and fostered mutually beneficial business relationships with 20 eateries and shops
- Received multiple awards for achieving the highest satisfaction ratings among all 50+ guides

Earth Consultants, Inc., Bellevue, WA

Geotechnician (6/04–12/04)

- Assessed soil characteristics, drainage, and environmental regulations at construction sites for 4 construction and development firm clients; compiled findings into 10-15-page reports recommending next steps to clients
- Conducted independent field work, surveying, and laboratory analysis; prepared and organized timely and concise government-mandated reports up to 20 pages in length

University of Washington, Oceanography Department, Seattle, WA

Research Assistant (11/02–6/04)

- Carried out independent and cooperative field and lab work; built, tested, and deployed sea floor instruments
- Promoted from Student Helper to full-time Research Assistant upon graduation
- Supported research efforts in 6-week research cruise off Australia coast; operated multiple sampling instruments, demonstrated a high level of organization and motivation, and collaborated with ship's research and support staff
- Presented research findings in 4 written reports and visual displays for colleagues and general audiences of 100+

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Telesales Representative – Stubhub!, San Francisco, CA (9/05–4/06)

Manager, Server, and Bartender – Romio's Pizza and Pasta, Seattle, WA (2/01–6/02)

Sales Associate – REI (Recreational Equipment, Inc.), Seattle, WA (3/99–6/00)

SKILLS & AFFILIATIONS

Computer: R, ArcGIS, Microsoft Office Suite (Word, PowerPoint, Excel), Wix, Proficient in PC & Mac applications

Communication: Strong writing skills (memos, reports, blog posts); experience in website creation (via Wix)

Presentations: Presented to audience of 30+ in 15-minute talk at Pacific Northwest Association of Oceanographic Professionals event (2003), Presented research findings to Community Environmental Council staff (2008)

Affiliations: Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) Member