JESSICA SPAW

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EDUCATION

B.A. DRAMA

University of California, Irvine, 2010

A.S. Ecological Restoration and Management SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE, 2022

SKILLS

Public speaking
Leadership
Screenwriting
Google Suite
Photoshop
Microsoft Office
Final Draft
Guitar
Lead climbing
Comedic improvisation

EXPERIENCE

HERBARIUM TECHNICIAN

Santa Barbara Botanic Garden / Santa Barbara, CA / 2023 - present

- Preparing, creating, accessioning and digitizing herbarium specimens
- Training and supervising volunteers, coordinating citizen science outreach
- Hand-pollinating and caring for populations of *Dudleya spp.* in common garden experiment and seed bulking effort, data collection, field surveys

RESEARCH, MONITORING AND EDUCATION INTERN

White Buffalo Land Trust / Santa Barbara, CA / 2023 - 2024

- Compiled a report on the ecology and restoration of grasslands and riparian zones
- Created and implemented a vegetation monitoring pilot program for restoration sites
- Collected and identified ranch vegetation, compiled data for a working vegetation list
- Designed and wrote a site-specific ecologic activity booklet for visiting youth

LIFESCAPE GARDENER, SIGNAGE INTERN

SBCC Lifescape Garden / Santa Barbara, CA / 2020 - 2022

- Researching and writing text for plant and garden signage to improve visitor experience, coordinating signage design, orders and purchases, editing proofs
- Developing further public engagement opportunities, engaging with visitors, answering questions, giving tours
- Caring for native and non-native ornamental and edible plants

TUTOR FOR BOTANY, CHEMISTRY

Santa Barbara City College / Santa Barbara, CA / 2021 - 2022

- Supporting student understanding and work in "BOT 100: Concepts of Botany" and "CHEM 104: Fundamentals of Chemistry"
- Verbally and visually reviewing and clarifying material, concepts and assignments
- Hosting study sessions for individuals and groups

SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATOR

Garden School Foundation / Los Angeles, CA / 2019 - 2020

- Teaching K-6 students about food justice, nutrition, gardening and ecology
- Compiling data on cafeteria food waste and managing share table and redistribution
- Tending on-site garden, managing soil health

COACH, COUNSELOR

Stronghold Climbing Gym / Los Angeles, CA / 2018 - 2020

- Managing youth safety, behavior, morale, technique
- Leading activities, encouraging confidence and progress

CARPENTER, PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

Practical Magic / Sun Valley, CA / 2018 - 2019

- Coordinating pre-production and on-set communication, tasks and schedules
- Building sets and props, R&D, managing workflow, progress and deadlines

SERVER, HOST, BARTENDER

Mohawk Bend / Los Angeles, CA / 2013 - 2019

- Ensuring customer service and satisfaction
- Managing orders, workflow, kitchen-customer liaison
- Answering phone, taking reservations and orders, coordinating seating