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## EDUCATION:

2018-2020

**UNIVERSITY of VERMONT**

Burlington, Vermont

**Master of Science • GPA: 4.0/4.0 • Program: Food Systems**

- Concentration: Qualitative and quantitative research, ecological economics.
- Core course topics: Research methods, food culture, food politics and science.
- Research: developed and executed survey looking at more than 20 charitable food centers.

2013-2017

**UNIVERSITY of VERMONT**

Burlington, Vermont

**Bachelor of Science • GPA: 3.44/4.0 • Major: Self-Designed (Food Systems) • Minor: Nutrition and Food Science, Community Development and Applied Economics**

- Dean's list: Fall 2015, Spring 2017
  - Research experience: Silvopastoral Voizin Grazing in Santa Catarina, Brazil 2017.
  - Relevant Coursework: Ecological agriculture, advanced agroecology, forage ecology.
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## RELATED EXPERIENCE:

05/2020-Present **Gopal Farms** - Sandwich, Massachusetts

**Production Assistant Manager, Facilities Supervisor, & Marketing Director**

- Collected key production metrics, conducted crop evaluations daily, and evaluated operating systems regularly.
- Out-of-state business owners relied solely on my leadership and integrity to manage over \$100,000 in start-up costs.
- Designed and implemented a comprehensive sales and marketing program which included a farm stand, wholesale partnerships, and a community-based social media presence.

05/2019-02/2020 **Pigasus Meats** - South Hero, Vermont

**Farm Hand**

- Worked with breeding and grower hogs, laying hens, and beef cattle.
- Performed morning chores including feeding livestock before sunrise.
- Prepared breakfast sandwiches for hundreds of customers at the Burlington Farmers Market.

05/2019-09/2019 **University of Vermont: Diversified Farm Operations Course** - South Burlington, Vermont

**Student**

- Developed a sample crop plan for a single growing season.
- Learned about most growing processes throughout growing season for annual vegetable crops.
- Activities included: Tractor work, planting, weeding, harvesting/washing, irrigation, pest identification.

05/2018-08/2018 **Cape Cod Organic Farm** - Barnstable, Massachusetts

**Farm Hand**

- Team member of up to 7 farm hands involved with daily operation of certified organic farm.
- Activities included: Retail sales at farm stand and farmers market, greenhouse management, weeding, harvesting.

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Fall of

2016, 2018, 2019 **University of Vermont: Community Development and Applied Economics** - Burlington, Vermont

**Teaching Assistant**

- Graded weekly assignments and exams for over 180 students.
- Held office hours and review sessions for up to 100 students per session.
- Lectured on microeconomic course material when course instructor was absent.
- Selected to be primary course administrator and manage 10 undergraduate teaching assistants.

Spring of

2017, 2018

**Rural Vermont** - Montpelier, Vermont

**Legislative Intern**

- Documented over 15 legislative committee meetings.
  - Assisted the executive director with communicating farmer needs to legislators.
  - Informed more than 50 farmer members of relevant policies introduced in the statehouse.
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## SKILLS:

- Raised 11 broiler chickens on pasture as well as a ¼ acre garden. Care for over 60 houseplants.
- Proficient at Microsoft Office and social media platforms; qualitative research skills including conducting surveys, interviews, and thematic analysis; ability to conduct in-depth literature reviews.