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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

Institute of the Environment and Sustainability

B.S. – Environmental Science

Minor – Environmental Systems & Society

Los Angeles, CA, USA

June 2019 | GPA 3.572

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental sustainability professional with 5 years of experience seeking Masters of Science research programs in ornithology and herpetology conservation and biodiversity in tropical systems and skills in fieldwork and wildlife surveying. Well developed teamwork and communication skills and a strong desire to forge a career as a wildlife biologist.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Earthjustice, Sustainability Specialist

Los Angeles, CA | October 2023 – Present

- A nonprofit law firm dedicated to protecting Earth's natural resources and wildlife, and to defending the right of all people to a healthy environment
- Managing sustainability projects including Earthjustice's Climate Action Program to reduce operational and value chain greenhouse gas emissions by 60% by 2035
- Developing and calculating 2023 and 2024 greenhouse gas emissions inventory in Excel

Warner Bros. Discovery, Assoc. Sustainability Manager

Los Angeles, CA | Feb 2022 - Sep 2023

- Worked with teams to develop company's Net Zero emissions strategy and roadmap for operations, productions, and supply chain
- Created systems to manage GHG production emissions data collection and inventory across 300+ facilities, 65+ brands, and 40,000+ employees globally
- Managed [green production program] and built relationships with production teams to drive clean technologies, green suppliers, asset donations, and waste reduction initiatives

Dolby Laboratories, Sustainability Specialist

San Francisco, CA | Feb 2020 - Feb 2022

Sustainability Initiative Intern

June 2019 - Feb 2020

- Supported development and execution of Dolby's Carbon Neutral by 2030 goal
- Implemented emissions reduction projects including 100% renewable energy at headquarters
- Facilitated annual [Sustainability Report](#) process, content, data and design
- Created employee engagement and education programs

All About Waste, Freelance Sustainability Consultant

Los Angeles, CA | June 2017 – June 2020

- Documented LEED and WELL certification credits for private and commercial buildings
- Designed and wrote Westfield Century City's waste management plan and waste reduction strategies for ~200 mall tenants
- Created sustainability marketing material, infographics, and waste audit report designs

UC Office of the President, Carbon Neutrality Fellow Los Angeles, CA | June 2017 – June 2019

- Supported climate action plans for carbon neutrality goal across all 10 University of California campuses by 2025
- Created and directed a 6-month student ambassadors program for skill building and leadership in climate action. Acquired \$8k for program funding through grant proposals
- Led campus-wide sustainable behavior change campaign, the UC Cool Campus Challenge, through ambassador events and social media engagements (8,000 sign-ups in 4 weeks)

Freelance Illustrator and Painter Los Angeles, CA | June 2015 – Present

- Creating environmental and naturalism themed art for scientists, nonprofits, companies, magazines, and advocacy campaigns
- Vending art at local flea markets, craft fairs
- Teaching drawing and painting workshops to the public with Climate Cafe LA
- Portfolio: valereecatangay.com; Instagram: [@valereereplants](https://www.instagram.com/valereereplants)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Audubon Society California, Coastal Leadership Program June 2024 – Present
Audubon Center at Debs Park, Los Angeles

- 6-month training and development program for skills in coastal conservation, habitat restoration, and shorebird monitoring
- Creating capstone research project (TBD)

Neotropical Science, Field Research Assistant Jul 2023
Los Amigos Biological Station Peru

- Supported one week of fieldwork and data collection on butterfly and grasshopper models studying distribution of mixed-species flocks in the Peruvian Amazon

Earthwatch, Field Research Assistant Jul 2014
Aransas National Wildlife Refuge Texas

- One week of fieldwork and data collection and one week of lab analysis on parasites in crabs and snails to study impacts on the food web of the endangered whooping crane
- Received \$3k scholarship to cover research trip costs

AWARDS & HONORS

Brower Youth Award Recipient Oct 2018

- Recognized by Earth Island Institute as one of North America's top 6 young environmental leaders in 2018 for work on climate justice and sustainability

GreenBiz VERGE Emerging Leader Oct 2019

- Recognized at 3000+ attendee conference for sustainable business leaders

Climate Reality Project Leader June 2018

- Personal work featured on Al Gore's Instagram; trained in climate storytelling

- Environmentalists of Color Collective, Co-Founder** Jan 2018 – June 2019
- Organization amplifying narratives of people of color in sustainability (acquired \$21k in grant funding for arts and education programs)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Sierra Club, Member** Mar 2023 – Present
Southwestern Herpetological Society, Member Dec 2023 – Present
Pasadena Audubon Society, Member Jan 2024 – Present

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- Young Climate Leaders of Color Program Fellow (\$5k grant) Jan 2024 – Present
- Sierra Club Activist Academy participant (\$1k grant) Jan 2023 – May 2023
- University of California Carbon Neutrality Fellow (\$15k grant) June 2017 – June 2019
- California Allegory Youth Fellow (\$2k grant) June 2018 – December 2018

PRESS & PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- [UCLA Newsroom](#)
- [Sierra Club Los Angeles Artist Docuseries](#)
- Tree Drawing Workshop Facilitator with Climate Cafe LA, May 2024
- University of California Carbon Neutrality Fellows Alumni Career Panelist, June 2020, 2021
- Palomar College AAPI Career Panelist, May 2023
- Career Girls Environmental Science Summer Camp Keynote Speaker, April 2021
- UCLA Green Gala Keynote Speaker, June 2019

SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

- Programming languages: Python, R
- Microsoft Office: Excel, Word, PowerPoint
- Bird Identification
- Graphic Design: Adobe Creative Cloud
- Communications & Storytelling
- Illustration and Traditional Painting
- Climate Action Goals & Frameworks
- Project Management
- Spanish; Conversational
- Sustainability Certifications: Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Certified Standards, LEED Green Associate, TRUE Zero Waste Advisor, GHG Emissions Accounting

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Drawing, painting, wildlife photography, bouldering, weight lifting, yoga