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EDUCATION

B.A. Latin American Studies, 1997. University of California, Santa Cruz, CA.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2012- Present **Wildlife Ecologist**, Dawn Reis Ecological Studies
2008-2012 **Field Research Assistant/JR Specialist II**, UC Davis School of
Veterinary Medicine Extension
2000-2011 **Field Office Laboratory Manager / Phlebotomist**, UC Berkeley Salinas
Extension

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

- Bradman, A., Kogut, K., Eisan, E.A., Jewell, N.P., Quiros-Alcala, L., Castorina, R.,
Chevrier, J., Holland, N.T., Barr, D.B., Kavanagh-Baird, G., & Eskenazi, B.
(2009). Variability of organophosphorous pesticide metabolite levels in 24-hr
urine samples collected from young children during 1 week. *Environmental
Health Perspectives*, 121 (1).
- Brandman, A., Salvatore, A.L., Boeniger, M., Castorina, R., Snyder, J., Barr, D.B.,
Jewell, N.P., Kavanagh-Baird, G., Striley, C., & Eskenazi, B. (2009).
Community-based intervention to reduce pesticide exposure to farm workers and
potential take-home exposure to their families. *Journal of Exposure Science and
Environmental Epidemiology*, 19 (1).
- Salvatore, A.I., Chevrier, J., Bradman A., Camacho, J., Lopez, J., Kavanagh-Baird, G.,
Minkler, M., & Eskenazi, B. (2009). A community-based participatory worksite
intervention to reduce pesticide exposures to farm workers and their families.
American Journal of Public Health, 99 (3).

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- 2013 **Dawn Reis Ecological Studies, Watsonville, CA**
- Conducted pre-construction wildlife surveys for nesting birds, potential bat roost, California Red-legged Frogs (CRLF), and non-native bullfrogs;
 - Monitored construction activities to find and remove wildlife out of harm's ways;

- Focused day time and night time surveys for CRLF included adults, sub-adults and tadpole captures and relocations. Conducted CRLF rescues and relocations of captured frogs from focused surveys, project related dewatering, and from construction monitoring;
- Conducted focused protocol level surveys for CRLF adults, sub-adults and tadpoles;
- Conducted non-native Bullfrog adult and tadpole removals. Rescued and relocated CRLF adults and tadpoles.

2008-2012 **UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine Extension, Davis, CA**

- Assisted and participated in all aspects of university food safety project focusing on vectors of E.Coli bacterium in Monterey County;
- Coordinated visits to ranches and research sites;
- Trapped, weighed measured, collected biological sample and tagged rodents (Dept Fish & Wildlife Permit SCP # 11481);
- Calibrated and maintained equipment involved in the collection of specimens and data;
- Collected, processed, recorded, entered, and shipped data samples collected in the field;
- Maintained research records and participant files;
- Used organizational skills, attention to detail, and time management skills to ensure the accurate and efficient handling of research data.

1993-2000 **Esalen Institute, Big Sur, CA**

- Assisted bookkeeper with accounts receivable and related responsibilities;
- Supervised rotating crew of at least five subordinate employees, overseeing their daily tasks, training, and ensuring completion of essential duties;
- Coordinated and assisted on special projects in the program.

2000-2011 **UC Berkeley Salinas Extension, Salinas, CA**

- Filled a numbers of roles in an EPA – funded research project investigating the effects of pesticide application on the neurological development of farm workers’ children in Monterey County;
- Collected and ensured the timely processing, and preparation of body specimen and environmental biological samples for shipping and further processing;
- Performed the proper collection of blood specimens from children aged nine and ten years, and their mothers, in an efficient, detail oriented, and professional environment;

- Trained and supervised staff in proper collection of specimens and sample handling, hazards in the field such as blood borne pathogens, and safety protocol;
- Was responsible for the accurate interpretation and entry of orders on requisition forms;
- Monitored quality assurance and quality control in the laboratory to ensure the highest standard in research practice, patient care, and regulatory compliance;
- Developed and monitored the performance of other employees and was responsible for following through with proper corrective and disciplinary actions;
- Inventoried, ordered, and stocked laboratory supplies and equipment.

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UC Berkeley Extension, Stanford University Extension, Salinas, CA

- Working collaboratively in a professional environment, performed the proper collection of blood specimens from children in the health fair setting;
- Accurately identified patients, labeled specimens accordingly, paid close attention to detail as related to name, date, time, and requirements of the specimen;
- Demonstrated and ensured excellent patient care and customer service, interacting with children and their parents;
- Accurately interpreted, entered, and performed orders on physician requisition forms;
- Properly processed, packaged, completed appropriate paperwork for shipment, and sent laboratory samples to outside laboratories for testing.

CERTIFICATES & LICENSES

- Certified Phlebotomy Technician I, State of California; License Number: CPT 00034523 (Exp 4/9/2015)
- CPR for Health Care Providers, American Heart Association (Exp 09/15/2014)
- Second Degree Black Belt, Danzan RyuJujitsu