- Carrying, spending, and documenting the use of large amounts of cash (\$1.500.00+)
- Managing group dynamics and working with other leaders to find creative solutions to unforeseen problems

AGRARIAN/NATURAL RESOURCE WORK EXPERIENCE

Farm Laborer May - September 2008 Cedar Falls, Iowa

Conventional Farming Operation/Hog Confinement Animal Feedlot Operation

Supervisor: Ed Juhl (319) 988-3609, may be contacted

Salary: \$10.00/hour, 40 hours/week

- Planted crops, vaccinated animals, conducted general farm maintenance and construction
- Channelized a stream, tiled and planted to soybeans a remnant wetland

Farmer/Owner June 2011 – Present

Never Been Tilled and Hoksch Consulting LLC

- Organically farmed and sold produce and maple/river birch syrup to local businesses
- Consulted for clients and prescribed fire to prairies and savannas
- Collected seed from over 100 species of native grasses, sedges and forbs
 - Established small native prairies from seed, greenhouse plants and rescues

Ecotech February 2016 - October 2017

Employer: Driftless Land Stewardship Salary: \$13.25/hour, 10 hour days

Supervisors: Jaye Maxfield and Jesse Bennett (608) 996-2135, may be contacted

Conducted management of diverse natural areas for federal, state, county and city entities as well as private landowners

- Utilized mechanical, manual and chemical means for removal of invasive species
- Applied prescribed fire during spring, summer and fall to sites up to 500 acres
- Utilized herds of goats as management tools
- Long days under stressful and exhausting conditions that required constant situational awareness

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Sales Associate September 2002 – August 2010

Employer: Ankeny Hardware Salary: \$10.00/hour, 10-40 hours/week

Supervisor: Richard DeReus (515) 964-5838, may be contacted.

- Provided advice on a variety of home improvement projects
 - Assisted in repairing and maintaining small engines

PROFESSIONAL OUTREACH

Interpretive Naturalist May 2011 - Present Various organizations (i.e. Clayton County Soil Cons. Dist., UNI student groups, Waterloo/CF schools etc.) *Iowa* – *Statewide*

Lead hikes for up to 30 children and adults that included identifying, collecting and consuming wild plants and mushrooms

Visited schools to discuss Iowa ecology and helped develop a plan to establish a high school's native garden

Mississippi River Storyteller January 2013 - Present

Various organizations (i.e. Black Hawk County Conservation Board, Iowa Weed Commissioners Association) Iowa – Statewide

- Shared my experience from canoeing the Mississippi River with stories, songs and photos to groups of children and adults
- Presented information on ecological processes and current water quality issues

PUBLICATIONS

Myers Mark C, JT Mason, BJ Hoksch, CA Cambardella and JD Pfrimmer (2015). Birds and butterflies respond to soil-induced habitat heterogeneity in experimental plantings of tallgrass prairie species managed as agroenergy crops in Iowa, USA. Journal of Applied Ecology, DOI: 10.1111/1365-2664.12503.

Myers Mark C, BJ Hoksch, JT Mason (2011) Butterfly response to floral resources during early establishment at a heterogeneous prairie biomass production site in Iowa, USA. Journal of Insect Conservation, 16:457–472.

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Meademaking, maple syrup production, wilderness, beekeeping, banjo, herpetology, foraging, mushroom identification, and creating art. Volunteering time to share the above skills with public and private organizations

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