

Michael Young Curriculum Vitae

Research Interests

Ecological and Environmental Anthropology, Sustainability, Community-based sustainable tourism, Social change through development, Conservation, Globalization, Permaculture, Visual Anthropology, Agriculture, Agroforestry, Latin America

Academic Background

M.A. University of South Carolina- Anthropology Current
B.A. California State University Long Beach- Anthropology 2009
B.S. California State University Long Beach- Human Resource Management 2009

Academic Awards

Best Anthropology Film by an Undergraduate, *Bark Park*. 2008
Presidential Honor's List, California State University Long Beach 2008

Documentaries

“Root Awakening” by Lauren Brounley, Nikki Kranz, and Michael Young 2009
A film about an educational community garden in a highly urbanized area with a large low-income migrant population in Santa Ana, Ca.
“Bark Park” by Lauren Brounley, Michael Smith, Michael Young and Guiliana Aldana 2007
Local dog owners and their perspectives on the space issues being disputed at a public dog park in Costa Mesa, Ca.

Fieldwork Experience

Ethnoecology Field Study in the Soconusco region of Chiapas, Mexico. 2010
Project Director: Dr. Janine Gasco, California State University Dominguez Hills.

- Worked alongside organic and sustainable cacao farmers.
- Learned processes of agroforestry.
- Documented the agricultural methods applied in the Soconusco region.
- Understood the socio-economic factors affecting the people and their industry.

Work Experience

Graduate Assistant, University of South Carolina. Columbia, SC Current
Visitor Associate, Bowers Museum of Cultural Arts. Santa Ana, Ca 2008-2010

- Maintained a well-informed, working knowledge of the exhibitions and services available.
- Responsible for leading the daily operations of the admission desk with a focus on customer service, organization and efficiency ensuring visitors were attended to professionally and promptly.
- Provided information to the general public and answered questions about the museum, gallery, and films being presented.
- Assisted with lecture series, book signings by guest authors, and special events.

Public Service

Volunteer, Museum of Mayan Medicine. San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico 2010
Affiliate Organization: Natate

- Worked alongside OMIECH (Organization of Indigenous Doctors of the State of Chiapas A.C.) who strives to rescue, reproduce, defend, and use traditional indigenous medicine of the Tzotzil and Tzeltal peoples.
- Constructed an ecologically sustainable waterless latrine using permaculture techniques.
- Assisted in renovating the Museum's greenhouse.
- Repaired and maintained the demonstration garden of medicinal plants.
- Aided in the construction of an organic waste compost bin.

Volunteer, Jerome Park Community Garden. Santa Ana, Ca 2008-2009
Nonprofit Organization: The Grain Project

- Created and lead workshops on vermiculture utilizing interactive activities with participating community members.
- Assisted in planting, maintaining, and harvesting crops.
- Organized tasks for children to participate in including watering, planting, composting, and crafting art for the garden.
- Encouraged interaction from all age groups to become involved with the activities and promote the importance of healthy eating.
- Helped to create pride within the community through education about agriculture.
- Observed the transference of knowledge from older to younger generations.

Guest Speaker, Santa Monica College. Santa Monica, Ca 2009
Guest Speaker, California State University Long Beach. Long Beach, Ca 2009

Campus Associations

Member, Anthropology Club

Member, Human Resource Management Association

Foreign Languages

Spanish:

Intermediate Spanish II- Saddleback Community College
High School Level Spanish- Laguna Hills High School

2010
1998-2001

References

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