

AMANDA FLANNERY

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EDUCATION

Miami University | Oxford, OH

Master's Conservation Biology

December 2018 GPA 4.0/4.0

North Central College | Naperville, IL

Bachelors Biology

May 2016 GPA 3.49/4.0

SPECIAL SKILLS

- PADI Scuba Certifications
 - Open Water Diver
 - Advanced Open Water Diver
 - Peak Performance Buoyancy
 - Enriched Air Diver
- CPR Certified
- Phlebotomist
- Able to Lift 50+lbs

WORK EXPERIENCE

Seasonal Zookeeper

Cosley Zoo | Wheaton, Illinois

January - May, 2018

Responsible for daily care and management of domestic and wild animal collections native to Illinois which included reptiles, amphibians, songbirds, raptors, and several large and small mammal species. Knowledgeable in the use of targeting, shifting and operant conditioning techniques to gain positive behaviors from animals. Implemented a behavioral observation and data analysis protocol for interns and volunteers.

Conservation Intern

Whale Shark Diaries | La Paz, Baja California Sur, Mexico

November, 2017

Field research study of transient and resident whale shark populations in La Paz Bay using photo identification techniques. Experience freediving, underwater photography, and boat skills. Used computer photo analysis to compare identification markers.

Animal Care Intern

Cosley Zoo | Wheaton, Illinois

July - November, 2017

Worked side by side zookeeper staff and independently to perform routine feeding, cleaning and general husbandry for domestic and wild animals. Implemented enrichment activities designed to maintain their quality of life and improve their overall physical health and conditioning. Knowledgeable in the use of targeting, shifting and operant conditioning techniques to gain positive behaviors from animals.

Animal Welfare Research Intern

Chicago Zoological Society | Brookfield, Illinois

January - June, 2017

Responsible for collecting behavioral observation data for 60 mammalian carnivore species over an 8 week period, analyzing data, correlating curator reports, and presenting the data before senior staff. Managed independent research project into inter/intra species personality. Responsible for newborn okapi calf behavior observations.

Animal Care Volunteer

Cosley Zoo | Wheaton, Illinois

September - November, 2016

Worked side by side with zookeeper staff to perform routine feeding, cleaning and general husbandry for domestic and wild animals.

Marine and Island Ecology Field Lab

Shedd Aquarium | Exumas, Bahamas

May, 2016

Live aboard research experience on the the R/V Coral Reef II in the Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park. Responsible for taking YSI water quality measurements, catching, restraining and processing Northern Bahamian Rock Iguanas, restraining and processing DNA samples of Caribbean Whiptail Ray, collecting larval fish samples for on going study.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS / AFFILIATIONS / AWARDS

- American Elasmobranch Society Member
- Gills Club Member
- Beta Beta Beta Member
- National Honors Society Member
- Dean's List Awarded
- Presidential Scholarship Awarded