

Nebraska-Lynn White

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Qualifications Summary

- Graduate, BA Zoology/Environmental Sciences/Communications triple major, MA Biology with experience in animal care and zoo guest interaction; interested in pursuing a zoo career
- Strong animal care skills gained through a past Columbus Zoo, Farm, and vet medicine experiences
- Well-organized with highly developed communication, strategic planning and leadership skills
- Advanced and Rescue Scuba Certified, Rabies Vaccinated, and Venomous Snake Handling Certified

Education

Bachelor of Arts, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio
Triple Major: Zoology, Environmental Science, Communications
Honors: Phi Eta Sigma (Honorary Society), Dean's List

May 2022

Master of Arts, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

December 2024

Biology-Global Field Program

*Thesis: Exploring changing perceptions and thus increasing care for non-charismatic animals
Kenya*

- Partnered with the African Conservation Centre (ACC) to promote community-based conservation, building on Dr. David Western's research and the Maasai's long history with wildlife.
- We visited the Lale'enok Research Centre, located on communal land in the South Rift ecosystem, which supports more wildlife diversity than nearby national parks. Owned by the Olkiramatian Women's Group and managed with SORALO and ACC, Lale'enok fosters collaboration between the Maasai community and conservationists to enhance wildlife conservation and local livelihoods.
- The area is home to cheetahs, elephants, lions, giraffes, zebras, wildebeests, and many other species.

Belize

- Partnered with the Belize Zoo to explore their efforts in connecting people with native wildlife, learning about tapirs from Celso Poot and parrots from Jamal Andrewin-Bohn.
- Collaborated with the Community Baboon Sanctuary on community-based conservation for howler monkeys, gaining insight into their daily operations and grants.
- At South Water Caye Marine Reserve, visited the research center and participated in fishery studies, conducting a small experiment.
- Worked with Runaway Creek Nature Reserve to understand community engagement and wildlife preservation through education and cultural identity.
- Explored Mayan Ruins to connect native culture with wildlife conservation. Observed iguanas, manatees, lizards, red-footed boobies, jaguars, tapirs, and more.

Achievements

Published Writer, Herpetological Review Volume 53, Number 3

September 2022

Certified in Venomous Handling Level 1, The Rattlesnake Conservancy

December 2022

Relevant Animal Care and Environmental Science Related Experiences

Veterinary Emergency Group, Dublin

November 2024- Current

Customer Experience Coordinator

- Manage customer communications (email, text messages, phone calls, in person) and record them as needed
- Greet customers with warmth and urgency upon entrance to the hospital, announce their presence to the team, and get them checked in.
- Listen to customers' needs with the intent to understand and always find a creative way to say yes to our customer's needs. Ensuring that guests feel comfortable and heard.
- Create a personalized experience for the customer and their pet

Ohio State University Finley Farm, West Jefferson

November 2022-November 2024

Farm Coordinator 1

- Assist in farm work and animal handling including veterinary treatments, procedures, and tests as well as feeding of horses, cows, and sheep
- Operate tractors, skid steers, and other heavy machinery
- Assist with research and data collection of animals pertaining to animals

Medvet, Hilliard

October 2022-October 2024

Vet Assistant

- Perform many tasks including checking in with animals, assisting in care, medication administration, exams, imaging, and management of the animals in our care as well as provide compassion for owners..
- Animals included reptiles, small mammals, marsupials, birds, dogs, cats, rodents, ect.

Volunteer of Belize Manatees Conservation Program, Gales Point, Belize City, Placencia, Belize.

June 2024

Volunteer of Jamal Galves

- Assisted in collecting data on Sea Turtle Nests
- Discussed ideas for bettering data collection and Sea Turtle safety
- Discussed and learned about manatee safety and conservation then actively participated in the water

Ohio Wildlife Center, Powell

August 2023-July 2024

Seasonal Wildlife Rehabilitator at the Pre-release Center

- Daily care of animals preparing for release at the Ohio Wildlife Center's Pre-Release Facility, including wellness checks, administering medication, record keeping, as well as providing appropriate species enrichment to encourage practicing natural behaviors
- Interact with presenters of the animals and aid in releases
- Animals rehabilitated include native Ohio species such as opossums, squirrels, woodchucks, raccoons, skunks, raptors and a variety of other birds

Columbus Zoo & Aquarium, Powell, Ohio

2014-2023

Shores Region Assistant

(April 2022 – April 2023)

- Prepare Diets, watch and assist in training sessions, assist in cleaning exhibits.
- Interact with guests in order to share educational information and answered questions about multiple shores region animals to create a positive guest experience and interaction
- Observed higher level animal care techniques and keeper experiences
- Worked within all of the shores region with animals including, reptiles, manatees, pelicans, penguins, tortoises, and so many more. Also worked within behind the scenes projects such as garters and hellbenders and aided in a hellbender release.

Pachyderm Intern

(September -December 2019)

- Prepared Diets, watched training sessions, assisted in cleaning exhibits. Interacted with guests, shared educational information and answered questions about elephants to create a positive guest experience.
- Observed higher level animal care techniques and keeper experiences
- Participated in breeding program by assisting in artificial insemination procedures

ZooAide/RegionAide, Animal Encounters Village and the Shores Region

(March 2014-March 2018)

- Performed many tasks, including handling a variety of animals used in Animal Encounter programs such as serval, cheetah, binturong, armadillos, snakes, and many different birds, preparing diets, and educating guests

National Geographic Society/The Nature Conservancy

October 2021

Marine Conservation Virtual Externship

- Acquired knowledge on various marine conservation issues and approaches, like marine protected areas, through resources and case studies provided by National Geographic (NGS) & The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
- Learned and applied various primary and secondary research methods and spoke with local and national experts to identify marine conservation issues and their impact on the community
- Conducted a landscape/gap analysis to identify gaps in the use of artificial coral reefs and propose solutions
- Used compelling written and visual storytelling to communicate marine issues and the ways in which communities can help address them