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PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

The Conway School, M.A.L.D. Conway, MA (2010)

Master's Degree in Sustainable Landscape Design and Planning

Austin Permaculture Guild, P.D.C. Austin, TX (2008)

Permaculture Design Certification

Wildflower School of Botanical Medicine, Austin, TX (2007)

145 Hour Certificate in Botanical Studies and Herbal Medicine

State University of New York at New Paltz, B.A. New Paltz, NY (2004)

Summa cum laude; Honors Program Graduate; Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

DIS (Danish Institute for Study Abroad), Copenhagen, Denmark (2001)

Architecture and Urban Design Program

Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT (1999-2001)

Major: Architecture and Sociology

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

Faculty & Curriculum Developer: I. Introduction to Permaculture (2011-present); 2. Social Permaculture for Food Justice (2016-present)

Responsibilities include developing on-line course content, developing assessments, and on-line instruction and communications

Greenfield Community College, Greenfield, MA

Faculty & Curriculum Developer: I. Introduction to Food Systems (2011-2020);

2. Permaculture Design (2012-2014); 3. Permaculture Student Forum (2012)

Responsibilities include developing curriculum, coordinating field trips, hosting guest lecturers, and managing community-based service-learning projects., adapting Food System curriculum for teaching inside medium security Franklin County Jail

Greenfield Community College, Greenfield, MA (2011-2015)

Program Coordinator: Farm & Food Systems Associates Degree Program

Responsibilities included developing program, academic advising, mentoring student interns, advising permaculture club, developing curriculum, coordinating course offerings, managing adjunct faculty, coordinating with transfer institutions, managing educational permaculture garden, collaborating with community organizations, grant writing, managing website, creating marketing materials

Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT (2011)

Instructor & Curriculum Coordinator: Sustainable Landscape Design Forum

Responsibilities included developing curriculum, leading design process for a 1-acre site on campus

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Regenerate Change, An Education & Consulting National Organization (2017-present) Co-founding Director

Responsibilities include: establishing and directing organization, coordinating with 5 person team, engaging in participatory decision-making processes, financial management, social media and newsletter production, developing strategic partnerships, program design and teaching, and consulting

Feeding Landscapes, Greenfield, MA (2010-2015) Founding Principal, Designer

An edible landscape design and consulting business serving private and public clients with an emphasis on eco-social education through productive landscapes

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT & TEACHING

<u>Ecological Literacy Immersion Program, Omega Institute, Rhinebeck, NY (2015-present)</u> Faculty & Curriculum Development

Responsibilities for this four week certificate program include developing curriculum, teaching social permaculture across scales and contexts, guiding student design projects, and coordinating content with co-faculty Connor Stedman, Laura Weiland, Kavitha Rao, and others

Living Facilitation Retreat, online components (2021) Curriculum Development & Co-Educator

Responsibilities for this pre-retreat online workshop included developing curriculum and delivering educational content via video, written content, and applied exercises for an asynchronous student experience to learn the fundamentals of regenerative facilitation modeled from living systems

Social Alchemy Pod for New England Library Workers focused on Climate Solutions (2021) Curriculum Development & Facilitator

Responsibilities for this 16 week online group included developing curriculum, facilitating group strategic planning, and delivering educational content via zoom

Personal Regeneration, online workshop (2021)

Curriculum Development & Educator

Responsibilities for this virtual workshop included developing curriculum, leading self-reflection and life design exercises, and delivering educational content from my book

Social Regeneration Webinar Series for New England Librarians (2020) Curriculum Development & Facilitator

Responsibilities for this 3 part webinar series included developing curriculum, leading regenerative design exercises for library settings, with a focus on whole systems assessment tools, regenerative network-building, and decentralized community infrastructure for self-organizing

Social Regeneration Webinar Series for New England Librarians (2020) Curriculum Development & Facilitator

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Personal & Organization Regeneration for Five College Librarians (2020) Training Development & Facilitator

Responsibilities for this half day professional development training included creating curriculum, leading regenerative design exercises focused on personal wellness for library workers and tools for organizational analysis and culture design for the various libraries in the Five College System (Smith, Amherst, Hampshire, and Mt. Holyoke Colleges, and UMass-Amherst)

Regenerative Design for Changemakers Trainings: Oakland CA (2018 & 2019), Denver, CO (2019), Amherst, MA (2019), Greenfield, MA (2020), Virtual Trainings (2020) Curriculum Development & Co-Trainer

Responsibilities for this 2-day training include leading or co-teaching training with Jasmine Fuego of Permaculture Action Network; outreach and promotions

Re-evaluation Counseling, Greenfield, MA (2016-2020)

Certified Re-evaluation Counseling Teacher: 16-week Fundamentals of RC Courses; Continuing Education Series

Responsibilities include developing curriculum and teaching RC theory and practice to a racially diverse student group, with a focus on eliminating racism

Re-Wilding Judaism: a Moishe House Retreat, Estes Park, CO (2019) Retreat Co-Facilitator

Responsibilities included curriculum development; lead retreat programming; marketing and outreach

Change Makers Tour: Burlington, VT, Boston, MA, Philadelphia PA, Millerton, NY (2018) Curriculum Development & Co-Trainer for Regenerative Design for Change Makers Training

Responsibilities include developing curriculum and co-teaching 2-day trainings with Jasmine Fuego of Permaculture Action Network; outreach and promotions; poetry evening performance; training focused on curated group of participants working at the intersection of land and justice

Regenerative Design for Change Makers Certificate Course, Omega Institute, Rhinebeck, NY (2016-2018)

Faculty & Curriculum Development

Responsibilities for this 5-day certificate training included developing curriculum, teaching regenerative design and applying it to social change making contexts, guiding student design projects, and coordinating content with co-faculty, Keith Zaltzberg of Regenerative Design Group

Franklin County House of Corrections, Greenfield, MA (2016-2018)

Facilitator: Jail Garden Workshop Series on Whole Systems Thinking & Ecological Design

Responsibilities included developing curriculum and facilitating hands-on activities focused on jail gardens for therapeutic benefits, vocational training, and as food justice interventions

Jewish Social Permaculture: a Moishe House Retreat, co-sponsored by Urban Adamah, Sebastopol, CA (2018)

Retreat Facilitator

Responsibilities included curriculum development; lead retreat programming; marketing and outreach

Jewish Cycles of Time and Ritual Creation: a Moishe House Retreat, Branford, CT (2017) Retreat Facilitator & Ritual Leader

Responsibilities included listening to Retreat Organizer's goals and crafting highly customized curriculum to meet desired retreat outcomes; lead retreat programming and Jewish rituals for Shabbat and Shavuot; marketing and outreach

Temple Israel, Greenfield, MA (2015-2016)

Facilitator: Shmita Workshop Series on Deep Jewish Wisdom for Sustainable Living

Responsibilities include developing curriculum, performing research on sabbatical year, facilitating rich Jewish-informed conversation about agriculture, land-use, and economics

<u>Living Routes Study Abroad Program @ Sadhana Forest, Auroville, India (2013-2014)</u> Capstone Project Facilitator: Low Carbon Living Course @ University of Massachusetts

Responsibilities included project management of an Edible Pathways project, teaching permaculture to program participants, delegating research and materials acquisition to student team, engaging Sadhana Forest's international community in the process, and management of the community planting day

F.e.a.s.t. Permaculture Design Course, Northampton & Holyoke, MA (2010-2013) Teacher & Curriculum Development: Permaculture Design Certification Course

Responsibilities included preparing and co-teaching a certification course in permaculture design, directing student design projects, and marketing and outreach

Southern Vermont Permaculture @ Vermont Wilderness School, Brattleboro, VT (2011 - 2012) Teacher & Curriculum Development: I. Southern Vermont Permaculture Design Certification; 2. Toolbox for Social Permaculture; 3. Weaving the Basket—Land Knowledge, Traditional Skills, & Nature Connection

Responsibilities included developing curriculum and assignments, co-teaching, overseeing design projects, coordinating field trips, integrating design internship for advanced students

Omega Teen Camp, Holmes, NY (2004-2007)

Instructor, Curriculum Development & Program Coordinator: Youth Development Summer Programs Based on Experiential-Learning & Holistic Studies

Responsibilities included developing and facilitating workshops, creating a Counselor-in-Training Program, facilitating youth rites of passage, and coordinating off-campus trips

Wild Earth Nature Programs, New Paltz, NY (2004-2011)

Senior Instructor, Curriculum Development, & Program Coordinator: Summer & Year-long Programs for Youth

Responsibilities included program design, supervising staff, instruction, site logistics, and maintaining close contact and communications with the Board of Directors

CONSULTING CLIENTS

Franklin County House of Corrections, Greenfield, MA (2014-2020)

Program Designer, Consultant, & Coordinator: Jail-to-Farm-to-College & Employment Program

Responsibilities included facilitating community-engaged multiple stakeholder forums, conducting research at San Quentin State Prison, coordinating with key correctional staff members, soliciting input from incarcerated individuals, coordinating with Greenfield Community College, developing program design and timeline of activities, and report production and presentation, program implementation coordination, community outreach coordination, and evaluation development

Farm to Institution New England (2019-2020)

Network Development Consultant, Farm to Corrections Sector

Responsibilities included conducting research, coordinating with key stakeholders, editing strategical planning document, designing forums, delivering presentations all in service to initiating a new sector in local food procurement and education in New England jails and prisons

Santa Fe Jewish Earth-Based Institute & Oxygen Bar, Santa Fe, NM (2017-2019) Social Permaculture Consultant

Responsibilities included working with client family to develop vision, goals, analysis, educational offerings and other programmatic design for new institute, social infrastructure design, and implementation plan

Hazon & JOFEE (Jewish Outdoor, Food, and Environmental Education) National Organization

Culture Shift Consultant for JOFEE Network Gathering 2019

Responsibilities included supporting conference organizer, schedule logistics, re-designing culture towards more equity and inclusion, curating social justice sessions and diverse presenters, finding keynote speaker, plenary session co-facilitation, and working with a team of organizer/facilitators

Sawmill Herb Farm, Northampton, MA (2019-2021)

Social Permaculture Consultant

Responsibilities include working with client to regenerate vision, purpose, goals, and business model towards more social justice practices; development of plan for ritualizing work

Jewish Community Farming Field-Building Initiative (JCF-FBI), National Network (2019) **Educational and Network-Building Consultant**

Responsibilities include working with Jewish Farm School as representative of JCF-FBI to clarify their Phase II goals, objectives, and implementation strategies; attending working sessions and organized note-taking; report and recommendations development

Next Barn Over Farm, Hadley, MA (2019)

Social Permaculture Consultant

Responsibilities include working with client to regenerate vision, purpose, goals, and business analysis; ideas for culture-shifting with employees; development of work/life balance plan

WildSeed: Black and Brown Farmer Collective and Healing Village, Millerton, NY (2017-2018) Permaculture Consultant and Co-Facilitator of 3 part series: Part I Mapping the Potential; Part II Designing Future Alternatives; Part III Social Infrastructure Design

Responsibilities included working with client group to clarify goals, understand site analysis; developed participatory permaculture land-use planning workshop series with Co-Facilitator, Connor Stedman of Appleseed Permaculture, and part 3 with Jasmine Fuego of Permaculture Action Network

Franklin County House of Corrections Greenfield, MA (2017)

Program Designer: Wellness Program

Responsibilities include developing topics (e.g. authentic movement, storytelling, vegan nutrition, 12-step yoga), identifying/coordinating volunteer practitioners, logistics coordination, and program evaluation

University of Massachusetts Dining Services, Amherst MA (2017)

Culture-Shift Consultant and Facilitator: Big Picture Supper & Visioning

Responsibilities included developing understanding of current work culture of Dining Services; codeveloping dinner and workshop session about regenerative culture shift with food ethnographer June Jo Lee and experiential curator Kyra Kristoff; facilitating vision and goals setting session

Temple Israel, Greenfield, MA (2016-2017)

Conceptual Consultant & Project Developer: Superbia Series on Shmita-inspired Neighborhood Resilience Planning

Responsibilities include working with Shmita Committee, event planning, event facilitation including a series of permaculture planning workshops for a multi-stakeholder neighborhood development project

Jewish Farm School, Philadelphia, PA (2015-2016)

Consultant & Course Developer: Urban Agriculture & Food Justice Alternative College Break

Responsibilities include developing curriculum, coordinating with anchor institutions, developing service-learning projects, and marketing and outreach

Siach Vision 2022 Conference, Jerusalem, Israel (2015)

Conference Track Developer: Social Permaculture as a Lens for 7-Year Goals Setting

Responsibilities included developing conference track with three sessions, coordinating with organizations in Israel, Europe, and USA., and materials acquisition

University of Massachusetts Auxiliary Services, Amherst MA (2012-2013)

Social Permaculture Consultant, Permaculture Your Campus Conferences 2012 & 2013

Responsibilities included providing design input on a four-day long conference, outreaching to guest panelists, co-developing academic conference track, and working with Auxiliary Services

Greenfield Community College, Greenfield, MA (2011-2013)

Program Designer: Farm and Food Systems Program

Responsibilities included facilitating community-engaged multiple stakeholder forums, coordinating with college administration, identifying prospective faculty, overseeing curriculum actions, facilitating transfer agreements with four-year institutions, marketing and outreach

PRESENTATIONS

Creating Local Food Production & Education Academic Programs at Prisons

- Conference on Social and Ecological Infrastructure for Recidivism Reduction, virtual conference sponsored by Yale School of Forestry and Boston College (2021)
- Farm to Institution New England Summit, Amherst, MA (2019)
- Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA) Regional Summer Conference, Amherst, MA (2018); co-present with GCC Faculty Angela Roel
- North Country Food Justice Summit, Tupper Lake, NY; co-present with GCC Faculty Angela Roel
- Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA) Massachusetts Winter Conference, Worcester, MA (2018); co-present with GCC Faculty Angela Roel
- Northern California Permaculture Convergence, Panel on Beginning Farmer Training Programs, Solar Living Institute, Hopland CA (2017)
- Farm to Institution New England Summit, Leominster, MA (2017)

Racism, Climate Change, & Mass Incarceration

• The Future of Climate and Racial Justice, a virtual conference/retreat by Fix: Grist Magazine's Solutions Lab (2020)

Culture Shifting from Charity to Solidarity: Practicing Food Justice with Impacted Communities

 JOFEE (Jewish Outdoor, Food, and Environmental Education) Network Gathering at Camp Tamack, Ortonville, MI (2018)

Social Permaculture Design for Jewish Justice Leaders

- JOFEE Network Gathering at Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center, Falls Village, CT (2016)
- JOFEE Network Gathering at Walker Creek Ranch, Petaluma, CA (2019); co-presented with Cara Silverberg, Hampshire College Farm

Ecological Curriculum Design and Service Learning

- JOFEE Network Gathering at Pearlstone Retreat Center, Baltimore, MD (2017)
- JOFEE Network Gathering at Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center, Falls Village, CT (2016); copresented with Nati Passow, Director of Jewish Farm School

Race and Religion Panelist

Racial Justice Rising Monthly Forum, Greenfield, MA (2017); representing Jewish perspective

Lessons Learned in Rwanda: What Can We Learn in the US?

• Greenfield Community College Lunch Lecture Series, Greenfield, MA (2017); in collaboration with Kenneth Chartrand, Africa Conflict Transformation Fellow '15

Regenerative Design Tools for Social Change and Reconciliation in Rwanda,

 Peace Room at the Kigali Genocide Memorial, Kigali, Rwanda (2016); created for Rwandan Africa Conflict Resolution Fellows and their agencies, including Rwanda Girl Guides; Rich Hearts; Kigali Genocide Memorial Educators; REACH

Jewish Rites of Passage

- Wilderness Torah's Sukkot on the Farm festival, Davis, CA (2016)
- Teva Seminar: Jewish Outdoor, Food, and Environmental Education at Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center, Falls Village, CT (2013); co-presented with Yigal Deutscher, author of Shmita Manifesto

Introduction to Social Permaculture & Whole Measures Assessment,

• Center for Whole Communities Retreat: Whole Thinking in Practice, Booneville, CA (2016); co-presented with Mohamad Chakaki, facilitator at Center for Whole Communities

Inspire Your Year: Introduction to Permaculture Design Tools

• East Bay Permaculture Community, Richmond, CA (2016)

Systems Thinking & Food Justice

• The Green Life Program, San Quentin State Prison, San Quentin CA (2016)

Building our Vision: Tools for Creating a Just & Sustainable Future

• Vision 2022 Siach Conference on the Shmita Year, Jerusalem, Israel (2015)

Permaculture for Changemakers

 United States Social Forum, Philadelphia, PA (2015); co-presented with Lisa Deplane, founder of Mobile Design Lab

Permaculture Principles & Tools for Urban Community Gardeners

KNOX Parks Spring Lecture Series, Hartford, CT (2015)

Permaculture in Southeast India: Growing Food in a Land of Desertification

- Permaculture Spring Series at Greenfield Community College, Greenfield, MA (2014)
- Conway School of Landscape Design, Conway, MA (2014)
- SAGE (Sustainable Agriculture and Green Energy) Education Center at Greenfield Community College, Greenfield, MA (2014)

Assessment of Assets & Voids for Sustainable Agriculture & Green Energy Initiatives for Whole Institutional Transformation

 Envisioning Sustainability Conference, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA (2014); copresented with Greenfield Community College SAGE Team

Connecting Sustainability, Student Engagement, & Workforce Development

 Webinar for American Association of Community Colleges' SEED (Sustainability Education and Economic Development) Center, on-line (2014); co-presented with Greenfield Community College SAGE Team

Municipal Food Systems: Feed Northampton—First Steps Towards a Local Food System

- Northeast Permaculture Convergence, Middleboro, MA (2012)
- Great Barrington Planning Board, Great Barrington, MA (2012)
- Williams College, Williamstown, MA (2011)
- Field, Forest, Farm: Living with the Land Conference, Orange, MA (2010)
- Thornes Marketplace Community Space, Northampton, MA (2010)

Permaculture in Academia: Best Practices & Institutional Process

- Yale Food Systems Symposium, New Haven, CT (2013); co-presented with Rafter Sass, co-founder of Liberation Ecology, and Keith Zaltzberg, principal of Regenerative Design Group
- Permaculture Your Campus Conference, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA (2013)
- Northeast Permaculture Convergence, Middleboro, MA (2012); co-presented with Ryan Harb, founder of UMass-Amherst Permaculture
- Permaculture Professionals Working Retreat, Rhinebeck, NY (2012)

Resilient Food Vision for Greenfield, Massachusetts 2050

- Greening Greenfield's Annual Forum: Creating Greenfield's Future, Greenfield, MA (2013)
- Fast Talk About Food: Lightning Talks, PVGrows Higher Education Working Group, Northampton, MA (2011)

The Farm & Food Systems Academic Program at Greenfield Community College

- Massachusetts Sustainable Communities Conference, Worcester, MA (2013)
- Western Massachusetts Green Consortium, Northampton, MA (2013)
- Creating a Cooperative Food Economy: Co-ops' Roles in Local Food Systems Development, Greenfield, MA (2012)

Analysis of Power & Privilege Through the Lens of Social Permaculture

- Women in Permaculture Conference, Rhinebeck, NY (2013)
- Permaculture Professionals Working Retreat, Rhinebeck, NY (2013)

Site Analysis & Basemap-Making for Permaculture Designers

 NOFA (Northeast Organic Farming Association) Summer Conference, Amherst, MA (2012); copresented with Keith Zaltzberg, principal of Regenerative Design Group

Best Practices in Permaculture Within the Pioneer Valley

• Pioneer Valley Institute Annual Meeting, Greenfield, MA (2012); co-presented with Ryan Harb, founder of UMass-Amherst Permaculture

Introduction to Permaculture Principles & Practices

• Green Speaker Series at Greenfield Community College, Greenfield, MA (2011)

GUEST LECTURES

Zone In: Social Permaculture Course, virtual lectures (2020)

Disruption: The Gift of COVID-19 and Social Permaculture Design Process

Aquarian Women's Leadership Society Gathering, Intensive Workshop, New Lebanon, NY (2019)

Social Permaculture for Justice and Healing

Denver Permaculture Design Course Graduation, Keynote Address, Denver, CO (2019)

Leveraging Your Design Toolbox for Social Change

Jewish Community Farming Conference, Keynote Address, Encinitas, CA (2019)

Field-Building as Regenerative Practice: Creating Coordinated Culture Shifts

Women Entrepreneurs in the Food System Lecture Series @ University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Amherst, MA (2018)

Creating an Entrepreneurial Career in the Food System

SIT Graduate Institute Brattleboro, Food Justice course, VT (Spring & Fall Semesters, 2017)

Social Permaculture Design Applied to Prison/Food Justice Projects

Franklin County House of Corrections' Creating Farm and Food Cooperatives course, Greenfield, MA (2016)

Agricultural Land-Use History of the Connecticut River Valley; & Franklin County's Jail-to-Farm-to-College & Employment Program

Brandeis University Summer High School Programs, Discovering the Art & Anthropology of Jewish Food course, Waltham, MA (2015)

Food in Jewish Sacred Texts

Greenfield Community College, Permaculture Landscape Management & Installation course—for Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts' GARDEN Project, Greenfield, MA (2015)

Introduction to Permaculture Principles & Practices

Greenfield Community College, Scientific Literacy course, Greenfield, MA (2014)

Career at the Intersection of Science and Design

Greenfield Community College, Issues in Sustainability course, Greenfield, MA (2011-2014) Introduction to Permaculture; & Forest Gardening 101

Northfield Mount Hermon Preparatory School, History 9th grade history class, Gill, MA (2012)

Agricultural Land-Use History of the Connecticut River Valley

Smith College, Broad-Scale Design and Planning course, Northampton, MA (2011)

Municipal Food Systems Planning; & studio guest critic

University of Massachusetts, Permaculture Design Summer Intensive, Amherst, MA (2011)

Introduction to Landscape Graphics

WORK EXPERIENCE

Nasami Farm, Whately, MA (2010-2011)

Nursery Technician, New England Wildflower Society's Native Plant Nursery

Responsibilities included propagation, potting, transplanting, pruning, watering, weeding, seed cleaning, inventory maintenance, and compiling orders

Green Thumb for Hire, Northampton, MA (2011)

Landscaper, Ornamental Landscape Installation Company

Responsibilities included installation of native and ornamental plants, landscape maintenance

College Forward, Austin, TX (2007)

College Coach, Americorps Program

Responsibilities included providing academic instruction and college access services to economically disadvantaged high school juniors and seniors

Synthesis, State University of New York at New Paltz, NY & Ulster County Community College, Stone Ridge, NY (2004-2005)

Co-Director, Environmental & Social Youth Empowerment Organization

Responsibilities included facilitation, curriculum development, staff management, and website design

Upward Bound, Meriden, CT (2000)

Tutor, Educational Program for At-Risk Youth

Responsibilities included tutorial support and assistance with college applications

GRANTS RECEIVED

Thriving Resilient Communities Grant from the Threshold Foundation (2018) Educator and Organizer, received with Jasmine Fuego for Change Makers Tour

Funding to pay for scholarships, travel, supplies, and facilities fees for 4 Regenerative Design for Change Makers trainings in the northeast

Pollination Project Grant (2018)

Educator and Organizer, received with Jasmine Fuego for Regenerative Design for Change Makers Training in Oakland, CA

Funding to pay for supplies and facilities fees for pilot two-day version of Regenerative Design for Change Makers

New England Grassroots Fund Grant (2017)

Educator and Organizer, received for Temple Israel Greenfield's Superbia Series

Grant pays for the delivery of three neighborhood resilience planning workshops

Federal Perkins Grant (2016)

Educational Consultant, received for Franklin County House of Corrections

Funding for installation of four season greenhouse in Medium Security Unit

USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture SPECA Grant (2014-2015)

Project Coordinator, received for Farm & Food Systems Program at Greenfield Community College

Aim is to strengthen the pipeline between secondary to post-secondary institutions for students studying sustainable agriculture

Women's Fund of Western Mass Grant (2014-2015)

Project Coordinator, received for Greenfield Community College & grant partners

Grant supports women in transition with skills to increase food security and economic independence

National Science Foundation's Advanced Technical Education Grant (2014-2015)

Co-Principal, received for SAGE Education Center at Greenfield Community College

Activities include completion of campus near zero-net energy greenhouse, creation of Greenhouse Management course, and installation of water catchment system for permaculture garden

American Association of Community College's Green Genome Award & Grant (2014)

Program Contributor, received for Greenfield Community College from AACC's SEED (Sustainability Education and Economic Development) Center; grant monies used for garden tools

Federal Perkins Grant (2013-2014)

GCC Liaison, received for Franklin County House of Corrections

Funding for GCC Farm and Food Systems classes offered as an Inside Out model in the jail; install an organic garden on jail grounds; develop for-credit internship opportunities at community farm

USDA Community Food Project Grant, "Growing Together" (2012-2015)

Grant Partner, received for Greenfield Community College, with 3 other grant partners

Shared goal is to increase food access and food security in Greenfield

UMASS Permaculture, Micro-grant (2012)

Project Coordinator, received for the Permaculture Garden at Greenfield Community College

Funds used to buy tools and plant stock to begin implementation of student designs for the garden

PRODUCTIONS, PUBLICATIONS & INTERVIEWS

Fractals + Free Will podcast episode, on This Plus That podcast, interviewed by Brandi Stanley about scales of changemaking, personal agency, and cultural healing (2021)

Regenerative Facilitator's Guide, released through Regenerate Change, a guide to developing a living systems approach to group facilitation with social justice and regenerative frameworks (2021)

Relevant Activism with Abrah Dresdale, on Reality Riffing podcast, interviewed by Guru Jagat about social permaculture, justice, and ancestral lineage work **(2019)**

We Can Heal From Assimilation—Interview with Abrah Dresdale, on The Jewish Lunar/Solar Planner blog, discussing cyclical time and Jewish wheel of the year (2019)

Radical Self-Care: The Antidote to Mission Burnout—An Interview with Abrah Dresdale & Keith Zaltzberg, in the Omega Center for Sustainable Living's online publication (2018)

Jail-to-Farm-to-College & Employment Pathways, produced for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Greenfield, MA **(2016)**

Personal Growth Lessons from Permaculture—An Interview with Abrah Dresdale & Keith Zaltzberg. in the Omega Center for Sustainable Living's online publication (2016)

Edible Pathways: A Retrospect, Con'text: Conway School Alumni Magazine (2015)

Edible Pathways: Design & Installation Report, prepared for Sadhana Forest, Tamil Nadu, India (2014)

Growing Permaculture at Greenfield Community College, Ecological Landscape Association Newsletter **(2014)**

Community Cultivation: The GCC Permaculture Garden, a documentary (2014)

The Greenfield Food Study, a project of the Central Connecticut River Valley Institute (2013)

Building a Toolbox for Social Permaculture, Permaculture Activist: Democracy Issue (2013)

Vision for Greenfield 2050, Greenfield Recorder (2013)

Permaculture in Practice: A Proposal for Educational Permaculture Gardens, produced for Greenfield Community College (2012)

Special Projects Report: Plans for Fostering a Fertile Future, produced for President Robert Pura, Greenfield Community College, Greenfield, MA (2011)

Feed Northampton: First Steps Towards a Local Food System, Conway School of Landscape Design, master's project publication (2010)

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

New England Fixer, Awarded one of the 2022 New England Fixers by Grist Magazine for environmental and social justice advancement **(2022)**

Africa Conflict Resolution Fellowship: Cross-Sectoral Development in the Fields of Tolerance and Conflict Resolution in Rwanda, Uganda, and the United States, Rwanda; granted through the Institute for Training and Development (ITD) and Smith College's School for Social Work (2016)

Green Hero Award, Greenfield, Massachusetts; granted through Greening Greenfield (2014)

David Bird International Ecological Design Service Fellowship, Tamil Nadu, India; granted through The Conway School of Landscape Design and the Bird Family **(2013-2014)**

CONTINUING EDUCATION & TRAININGS

The Regenerative Women Entrepreneur Professional Development Cohort (2020-2021)

facilitated by Carol Sanford, author of The Regenerative Business, The Regenerative Life, and more, through the Carol Sanford Institute

The Future of Climate and Racial Justice, a 3-day Virtual Retreat/Conference (2021)

facilitated by Fix: Grist Magazine's Solutions Lab, about the imperative of addressing the intersection of the climate crisis and racial injustice

Imagine 2200, a 3-day Virtual Fix Lab (2020)

facilitated by Fix: Grist Magazine's Solutions Lab, with a focus on climate resilience and new narrative creation for a just future

Re-evaluation Counseling Workshops, Northeast, USA (2011-2020)

- Jewish Oppression & Liberation
- Eliminating Racism
- Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, & Queer Oppression & Liberation
- Educational Change
- Sexism & Male Domination & Women's Liberation
- Black Gentiles & White Ashkenazi Jews in Solidarity
- Class Oppression & Liberation
- Care of the Environment.

The Work that Reconnects: Training with Joanna Macy at California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA (2018)

facilitated by Mark Morey, Founder of Institute for Natural Learning; focus on building bridges across survivors of genocide amidst the different narratives of Native Americans and Ashkenazi Jews

Jews in Alliance with Standing Rock: A Moishe House Retreat, Rowe, MA (2017)

facilitated by Mark Morey, Founder of Institute for Natural Learning; focus on building bridges across survivors of genocide amidst the different narratives of Native Americans and Ashkenazi Jews

Whole Thinking in Practice—A 6-Day Training in Building Socially and Environmentally Just Communities, Booneville, CA (2016)

facilitated by the Center for Whole Communities, with Kavitha Rao and Mohamad Chakaki

De-colonizing Our Minds and Our Spaces: For Indigenous Sovereignty, Root Social Justice Center, Brattleboro, VT (2016)

facilitated by Abenaki scholars Dr. Lisa Brooks and Judy Dow

Restorative Justice Training, Brattleboro, VT (2016)

facilitated by Youth Services' Court Diversion Program

Northeast Prison Garden Educator's Curriculum Planning Retreat, Arlington, MA (2015) facilitated by the New Garden Society

Encounter Trip, East Jerusalem, Palestine (2015) facilitated by Encounter Program: Transforming Conflict Through Face-to-Face Understanding in the Middle East

Combatants for Peace: Former Israeli Soldiers & Palestinian Fighters Speak about Peace, Northampton, MA (2015) hosted by Congregation B'nai Israel

Mass Incarceration & Imagining Alternatives at Racial Justice Rising, Greenfield, MA (2015) presented by Mel Motel of Just Schools Now

Seeds of Change: Cultivating the Commons, Rhinebeck, NY (2015) annual conference hosted by Omega Institute's Center for Sustainable Living, with a focus on food security and seed sovereignty

US Social Forum, Philadelphia, PA (2015) sessions on: Behind Enemy Lines: From Slavery to Mass Imprisonment; Ending Mass Incarceration, Police Terror & Murders; Theater of the Oppressed; Healing from Generational Trauma; How Does Your Movement Grow? Organizing Dilemmas in Movement Building

Undoing Racism in the Healthcare System, Greenfield, MA (2015) presented by The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond

Food Justice: What is It? (2015) presented by Liz O'Gilvie of Gardening the Community, Catherine Sands of Fertile Ground, and Racial Justice Rising

Undoing Racism in the Food System, Holyoke, MA (2014) presented by The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond

Permaculture Professionals Working Retreat, Rhinebeck, NY (2012-2014) hosted by Permaculture Institute of the Northeast at Omega Institute

Carbon Farming Course, Chestnut Ridge, NY (2012) with Joel Salatin of Polyface Farm

Windbreaks & Hedgerows: Productive Edges, Amethyst Farm, Amherst, MA (2012) presented by Regenerative Design Group

NOFA (Northeast Organic Farming Association) Conference

- Summer conferences, Amherst, MA (2011, 2012, 2014, 2018)
- New York winter conference, Saratoga Springs, MA (2012)
- Massachusetts winter conference, Worcester, MA (2011, 2018)

It Takes a Region Conference, Albany & Saratoga Springs, NY (2011, 2013) presented by NESAWG (Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group)

Northeast Permaculture Convergence

- Attendee High Falls, NY, (2011)
- Presenter & Attendee, Middleboro, MA (2012)

Edible Forest Gardening, Holyoke, MA (2011) presented by Perennial Solutions

Sustainability & Green Building Conference, Rhinebeck, NY (2010) hosted by Omega Institute's Center for Sustainable Living

Citizen Gardener, Austin, TX (2009) presented by the Sustainable Food Center

Landscape Graphics, Austin, TX (2009) continuing education course at Austin Community College

Internship in Eco-Social Studies, Dripping Springs, TX (2007) at the Stream of Wisdom Institute

Kamana Naturalist Program, New Paltz, NY (2006) offered through Wilderness Awareness School

Earth Based Skills for Women Apprenticeship, Accord, NY (2005-2006) hosted by Her Feet on The Earth, Inc.

Art of Mentoring Week-Long Training, Marlboro, VT (2004, staff in 2005 & 2007) presented by Vermont Wilderness School

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SERVICE

Co-Founder & Member, Franklin County Food Council, Greenfield, MA (2013-present)

Council members coordinate to increase food security in Franklin County at household and institutional scales

Organizer for 1st Farm-to-Corrections track at the Farm-to-Institution New England (FINE) Summit (2018-2019)

Work with conference organizers to create track; outreach to practitioners to submit proposals; publicity to prospective food justice/prison justice attendees; facilitate Farm-to-Corrections networking session; consult with FINE on follow up actions

Workshop Coordinator, Spoken Word Poetry Workshop with Climbing Poetree at Franklin County House of Corrections, Greenfield (2017-2019)

Workshop for 25 incarcerated participants and 5 community educators to share personal stories through poetry; facilitated by acclaimed performance artists Alixa Garcia and Naima Penniman of Climbing Poetree

Organizer for 1st Prisons, Farm, and Food track at the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA) Summer Conference (2017-2018)

Work with conference organizer to create track; outreach to practitioners to submit proposals; publicity to prospective food justice/prison justice attendees

Co-Organizer of 3rd Annual Northeast Prison Garden Educators Retreat, Salisbury, CT (2018)

Production of Retreat with New Garden Society for 25 educators from 5 states; outcomes included a coordinated movement with initiatives for joint research, funding, and best practice sharing

Conference Support Volunteer and Thought Partner for Omega Institute's Sustainable Living Conference: Being Fearless—Action in a Time of Disruption, Rhinebeck, NY (2017)

Provided support services to conference organizer and Omega's Center for Sustainable Living Director, Laura Weiland; Coordinated Climbing PoeTree's performance details at Conference.

Organizer for Cultural Regeneration and Healing from Genocide event at Omega Institute, Rhinebeck, NY (2017)

Organized event for 50+ attendees to hear from four Rwandans about their work with grassroots efforts to regenerate peace after the 1994 Rwandan Genocide

"Listening Project" Host for SIT Graduate Students and Faculty; for Rwandan Africa Conflict Transformation Fellows at Franklin County House of Corrections Gardening Program, Greenfield, MA (Spring & Summer 2017)

Coordination of 20 SIT students and two faculty members to hear the stories of incarcerated garden program participants and the holistic impacts of gardening on the participants' experience

Co-Founder & Member, Shmita Committee for Environmental and Social Justice, Temple Israel-Greenfield, MA (2015-2017)

Committee works to promote Jewish earth-based and/or agricultural rituals and social acts of solidarity

Assistant Teacher, Western Massachusetts Re-evaluation Counseling Community, Greenfield and Turners Falls, MA (2012-2016)

Community dedicated to undoing oppression through peer-to-peer counseling

Gleaning Volunteer, Rachel's Table, Franklin County, MA (2013-2015)

Jewish organization focused on food rescue, including gleaning and re-distribution of food to pantries

Member, David Bird International Fellowship Committee, Conway, MA (2014-2015)

Reviewing, evaluation, and selection of applicants for the David Bird International Fellowship that supports Conway School Alums in undertaking service learning projects abroad

Co-Founder, SAGE (Sustainable Agriculture & Green Energy) Education Center at Greenfield Community College, Greenfield, MA (2013-2015)

Center focuses on intersection of science, civic engagement, and workforce development

Service Learning Project Coordinator, Farm & Food Systems Program at Greenfield Community College, Greenfield, MA (2011-2015)

Service learning projects where students provide research and recommendations to farms, food businesses, and food justice non-profit organizations

Co-Founder & Member, Western Massachusetts Permaculture Teachers Guild (2011-2013)

Professional association of permaculture teachers meeting quarterly to share best teaching practices

Member, PVGrows' Higher Education Working Group, Western Massachusetts (2011-2013)

Collaborative working group composed of faculty, staff, and students in food systems-related departments in Pioneer Valley institutions of higher education

Member, Franklin Community Coop's Food Systems Security Working Group, Greenfield, MA (2011-2013)

A group of Franklin County food systems-stakeholders engaged in the study and development of a Franklin County Food Council—a deliverable from the USDA Community Food Project Grant

Volunteer, Livnot U'lehibanot Community Service Program in Tzfat, Israel (2009)

Program that leads volunteer projects to benefit environmental and food justice organizations

EDUCATIONAL DESIGN PROJECTS

Project & Maintenance Manager, Greenfield Community College Permaculture Garden, Greenfield, MA (2012-2015)

Oversight of student design process, stakeholder input, installation, and on-going maintenance of 'Living Laboratory' permaculture garden

Designer & Project Manager, Edible Pathways at Sadhana Forest, Auroville, India (2013-2014)

Design and installation for a demonstration site to educate Sadhana Forest visitors about growing perennial foods in arid, degraded soils

Project Manager, Educational Permaculture Garden at Canal St. School, Brattleboro, VT (2011)

Management of design process and installation of an educational permaculture garden for school-age children; mentored three advanced permaculture interns; integrated with Permaculture Design Course

Co-Designer, Public Food Forest for Wendell Town Commons, Wendell, MA (2011)

Development of a permaculture garden design as a demonstration site for Wendell residents to replicate at their residences with the goal of increasing the town's food security

Co-Designer, Open Air Museum Plan for the Springfield Museums, Springfield, MA (2010)

Plan for a sustainable landscape design, including educational demonstrations of stormwater management, alternative energy generation, and native landscaping; GIS and hand drawn graphics