Peter L. Erb

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Education

Duke University, Center for Documentary Studies, Durham, NC

Certificate in Documentary Arts

In Progress

University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, CO

Masters of Arts in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Thesis: Landscape and anthropogenic effects on mammal occupancy in the Appalachian Trail corridor. May 2012

The Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO

Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Science with African studies minor; <u>Honors Thesis:</u> Plant conservation in the Serengeti National Park: Monitoring and management of non-native plants.

May 2004

Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM), Tanzania, Africa

University of Dar es Salaam, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Jul. - Dec. 2002

Relevant Experience

Science Technologist, Warren Wilson College

• Technological support for experiencial online classes in the Natural Sciences

• Production of asynchronous video content for online classes

• Development and management of Natural Science's YouTube Channel

Science Communications Coordinator, Conservation Exchange at WWC

 Production and distribution of film and photography content for Warren Wilson College Land Resources

• Management of Conservation Exchange social media accounts

Jan 2018 - present

Instructor/Adjunct Professor, Warren Wilson College

• SCI 2900: Science Communication & Outreach (Spring 2021)

- ENS 2907: Environmental Documentary Filmmaking (Spring 2020)
- SCI 2900: Science Communication & Outreach (Fall 2019)
- FYS 1200: Communicating Conservation in the S. Blue Ridge (Fall 2019)
- SCI 2900: Science Communication & Outreach (Fall 2018)
- ENS 1150: Perspectives in Environmental Studies (Fall 2018)
- SWK 320: Social Work Practicum: Film Section (Fall 2018)
- ENS 477: Conservation Filmmaking (Spring 2017)

Owner/Filmmaker, Reel Impacts, LLC

- Founded science media company
- Science filmmaker producing documentary style films
- Licensed unmanned aircraft operator

July 2020- present

Jan 2017 - present

June 2017 - present

Program Coordinator, ScienceLIVE, Biological Sciences Initiative

June 2012 - present

- Founded and developed the science outreach program ScienceLIVE (www.lessonsinlifescience.org)
- Co-develops lesson plans around actual research projects and associated data
- Produces educational videos for classroom use
- Facilitates the connections of field researchers to classrooms through interactive web development, social media, online blogs, and webinars
- Leads professional development workshops for teachers

Graduate Assistant, Museum of Natural History, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO Sept. 2008 - May 2012

• Assisting in daily vertebrate and invertebrate collection activities including: data entry, digitization, specimen inventory, organization, and processing

Wildlife Technician, Colorado Division of Wildlife, Montrose, CO

June 2008 - August 2008

• Crew leader for Colorado pika field survey

Wildlife Technician, Boulder Open Space & Mountain Parks, Boulder, CO

Oct. 2007 - Jan. 2008

• Assisting in prairie dog mapping project and GIS analysis

Ecology Intern/Contractor, Smithsonian Institute, Conservation & Research Center Field Ecology Department, Front Royal, VA

Jan. 2007 - August 2009

- Coordination and GIS analysis of large mammal camera trapping survey in Sarawak, Malaysia
- GIS planning, coordination, volunteer training, data management, and analysis of citizen science Appalachian Trail carnivore monitoring project
- Assisted in white-tailed deer study: methods include deer trapping, radio telemetry, use of LOCATE software, and GIS analysis

Conservation GIS Intern, Smithsonian Institute, Conservation & Research Center, Mar. 2006 - Dec. 2006 Spatial Analysis Lab, Front Royal, VA

- Assisted in GIS analysis for Przewalski's wild horse reintroduction project
- Conducted preliminary GIS research and training in Xinjiang Province, China
- Co-taught Introductory and Advanced Conservation GIS Courses

Co-Founder, Synergy Springs, Camas Prairie, MT

Sep. 2004 - Feb. 2006

- Developed and co-directed non-profit in rural sustainable living and education
- Led and designed summer college-level internship program

Contractor, Northern Divide Grizzly Bear Project, USGS, West Glacier, MT

Jun. - Sep. 2004

- Located and constructed hair snag stations in remote mountain locations
- Collected and recorded data regarding hair snag sites and bear rub object use

Research Assistant, Colorado College, Department of Economics

Jan. 2003 - May 2004

- Assisted Professor Walt Hecox in sustainable development research
- Compiled economic, social, and environmental data for GIS analysis

Scientific Publications

Erb, **P.L**., W.J. McShea, and R.P. Guralnick. (In Prep) Landscape effects on carnivore occupancy in the Appalachian Trail corridor. Landscape Ecology.

Erb P.L., W.J. McShea, R.P. Guralnick. Anthropogenic Influences on Macro-Level Mammal Occupancy in the Appalachian Trail Corridor. Fenton B, ed. PLoS ONE 2012; 7(8):e42574. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0042574.

McShea, W.J., C. Stewart, L. Peterson, **P. Erb**, R. Stuebing, and B. Giman. 2009. The importance of secondary forest blocks for terrestrial mammals within an Acacia/secondary forest matrix in Sarawak, Malaysia. Biological Conservation 142: 3108- 3119. (Peer reviewed)

Erb, P. 2004. Plant conservation in the Serengeti National Park: Monitoring and management of non-native plants. Honors thesis. Colorado College Environmental Science, Colorado Springs, CO. 53 pages.