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Education

University of California, Santa Cruz - 2017/ Literature (Modern Literary Studies), Bachelor of Arts

Research Projects

Diarna Geo-Museum Research Fellow: May -July 2016

- Collaboration with fellow researchers and analyzing, archiving and researching historical data including compiling photos and city mapping on Diarna Data base.
- Creating 8 city profiles and a Libyan Country Profile across regions in N. Africa, Middle East, South Asia. Strong cultural sensitivity & emphasis on Jewish heritage sites.

Documentation of Taiwanese Culture and Identity: Aug.-Sept. 2015 & 2016:

- Initiated research project in Taiwan & Japan (2016), California & Georgia (2015): Conducted & recorded interviews (audio and writing) with family members and locals on issues of political, cultural and familial identities
- How views have been shaped by the socio-cultural landscape of Taiwanese and American history.

Team Management Experience

—Jan. 2015-Present

Multicultural Coordinator at High Street Community Church:

- Initiated classes on the church's role in Racial Reconciliation. Managed teams for events includes: Multilingual worship services w/ Chinese Fellowship and English Congregation
- Four Testimonial events to learn about ministries in the Black/African American, Asian American, Middle Eastern and Latino/a Communities. Facilitating social justice based conversations and workshops for UCSC students in Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.

—June-Aug. 2014 & 2015

CollegeSpring Mentor: Cabrillo College, Aptos, CA & Lighthouse Community Charter School, Oakland, CA

Empowering, mentoring, & teaching 1st generation, low income students SAT test skills. Guiding students
w/ FAFSA & applying to college

Digital Creative Content:

-Blogger on <u>asah.wordpress.com</u> : Esther Lu's Research Papers,

Narratives on intersections of Ethnicity, Religion, Cultural Food memories

-Recording Artist w/ 40+ followers (Sound mixing & Originals)

https://soundcloud.com/essiepeach

Skills:

Strong writing skills. Fluency speaking/literate in English, Mandarin Chinese /Proficient in Google Docs, Microsoft Office, Wordpress, Tumblr, Pinterest, Mac OS

References:

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