

Signe Mayland

As an intern for *America's Gatekeeper*: *The Story of Paul Kroegel*, I hope to continue to learn more about bringing history to the public through film. I have always been interested in history, and I have a growing interest in conservation; therefore, this project will provide me with the opportunity to work with many of my interests. I had my first experience with Marvo Entertainment Group LLC as an intern on the *America's Darling* project. It was a great experience, and I am happy I was able to take part in telling the story of such a unique man. The Darling project sparked my interest in telling people's stories, and I look forward to being a part of the intriguing story of conservationist Paul Kroegel as well as continuing to further my understanding of the film production process.

Education

Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa Bachelor of Arts, April 2012

Majors: Religion

Sociology/Social Work Concentration

History

Work Experience

Food Bank of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa AmeriCorps VISTA:

July 2012 – Present

- Developing an understanding of the food banking process from acquirement to distribution
- Gaining knowledge of all areas involved in donor development including mass mailings, grant writing, special events, and the effective use of a donor database
- Created a volunteer position description and gained strategies for recruiting and training volunteers

Living History Farms, Des Moines, Iowa Staff Counselor:

May 2011 – July 2012

- Counselor for a group of 8-12 campers each week from first to seventh grades
- Taught the campers about 300 years of Iowa history through site visits, stories, and crafts

- Gained valuable experience in working with children with varying abilities and behaviors
- Improved leadership qualities and developed a stronger ability to adapt to schedule changes

Visiting Nurse Services, Des Moines, Iowa Internship:

January 2012 - April 2012

- Gained experience with the variety of tasks involved in directing the Foster Grandparent Program including site visits, creating Excel spreadsheets, organizing files, and planning group meetings
- Gained knowledge of other mental health programs at the agency including Project Launch: a program assisting families with children who have developmental delays

Simpson College Business Office, Indianola, Iowa

Undergraduate Assistant:

January 2012 – May 2012

Student Loan Assistant:

January 2010 - May 2011

- Improved organizational skills through general office duties
- Developed knowledge of computer programs to access and input confidential client information regarding loans, balances, schedules, and contact information

Marvo Entertainment Group LLC, Princeton, Kentucky

August 2011 – December 2011

Internship with America's Darling: The Story of Jay N. "Ding" Darling:

- Gained knowledge of research involved in film production
- Improved research skills through locating and analyzing documents for the project
- Established understanding of the importance of bringing history to the public

Main Street Pub and Grill, Bancroft, Iowa

Waitress:

June 2009 – August 2010

- Served and met the customers' needs in a polite and respectable manner
- Improved ability to prioritize and handle busy situations including large orders and demands as a party waitress of groups ranging from 10-40 people

Volunteer Experience

- Big Brothers Big Sisters: Des Moines, Iowa
- State Historical Society of Iowa: Des Moines, Iowa
- The Village Retirement Community: Indianola, Iowa
- Breakfast Club and Haven Club: Children and Family Urban Ministries, Des Moines, Iowa
- Spring Break Service Trip: Philadelphia, PA March 2011
- Spring Break Service Trip: New Orleans, LA March 2010
- Call of Service Trip: Denver, CO May 2010

Activities and Honors

- Simpson Cross Country Team (Member 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011; Academic All-Conference 2009, 2010, 2011; Letter Winner 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011; Coach's Award, 2009)
- Simpson Track and Field Team (Member 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012; Academic All-Conference 2010, 2011, 2012)
- Wesley Service Scholar (2010-2012); Leader (2011-2012)
- Dean's List Fall 2009