**Nathan LaFata**

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Sustainable development professional seeking community-based opportunity in the greater Tampa Bay area. Passionate about the environment, and the basic needs of the community. I am striving to work with marginalized communities to assist in creating sustainable projects that benefit both human and non-human alike.

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| * Community Engagement
 | * Reciprocal Relationships
 | * Educational Outreach
 | * Volunteer Management
 | * Environmental Stewardship
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**EDUCATION\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**University of South Florida,** **Patel College of Global Sustainability**, Tampa, Florida (August 2021)

***M.A. in Climate Change and Sustainability***

**West Virginia University,** Morgantown, WV (May 2017)

***B.A. in International Studies (Development) & History of (Western Civilization)***

***Minor in Geography***

**University of Viadrina,** Polish - German Border (June 2016 – August 2016)

***Cultures in Transition: Eastern European Studies***

**University of Szeged,** Szeged, Hungary (January 2015 - July 2015)

***Economics and Geography***

**CORE COMPETENCIES: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Southeast Asia, Central Europe, Western Civilization, Sustainable Development, Human Geography

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**WV Land Trust Intern,** Morgantown WV (June 2020 – October 2020)

* Trail maintenance, forest restoration, pollinator habitat creation

**WV Land Trust Field Technician** (October 2020 – Present)

* Trail design, construction, and maintenance, sourcing local material, surveying properties, forest restoration, and managing volunteers and interns

**Peace Corps,** Myaybyinthar Village, Myanmar(January 2019 – March 2020)

***English Instructor*** Participated in the first Peace Corps international posting to Myanmar

* Developed English courses and curriculum for 205 middle school students
* Implemented P.E class for grade 7 students and English training classes for 5 native teachers
* Collaborated with the US Embassy Myanmar, NGO’s, and Myanmar state officials
* Created programs such as a nature club, motorbike drivers ed course, and Facebook community page

**An Giang University,** An Giang, Vietnam (September 2017 – May 2018)

***English Instructor***

* Instructed English grammar, pronunciation, speaking, and listening classes for160 students
* Oversaw grading, administered exams, presentations, and lectured the daily lessons
* Directed English Club once a week: Improvised games, charades, and English films with quiz

***American Studies Lecturer***

* Instructed and explained American culture, geography, history, and social issues for 58 students
* Oversaw grading, administered exams, presentations, and lectured the daily lessons

***RCCD (Resource Center for Community Development) | Volunteer |***

* Tutored 22 non-English major students
* Coordinated with RCCD and English Departments to organize cultural holiday events on campus

**AmeriCorps, Christian Help,** Morgantown, WV(August 2016 – August 2017)

***Free Store Coordinator***

* Directed the charity free store and supervised 1 - 30+ volunteers per day
* Responsible for receiving, processing, and redistributing all donations throughout the building
* Catalogued and compiled all pertinent client information. Christian Help received monthly: 1,700 free store sign-in sheet, 175 special needs requests, and 950 donor records

**Public Partnership,** Morgantown, WV **(**October 2018 – January 2019)

***Background Check Processor***

* Screened and processed over 1,200 background checks
* Analyzed background information for unwanted caretakers
* Maintained reports related to caretaker’s data and processed results

**LANGUAGE CREDENTIALS**

***Spanish***: Beginner | ***Burmese***: Intermediate | ***Polish***: Beginner

**ADDITIONAL CREDENTIALS**

Microsoft Office | TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) certified | Arc Pro GIS – Intermediate | JMP - Intermediate | Tableau – Intermediate