

CURRICULUM VITAE

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SIET'S MISSION

To provide cutting edge training for aspiring mountaineers who plan to one day lead their own expeditions or wish to become instructors in the industry of outdoor education

EDUCATION

American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA) 2007-2009
Certified Rock Guide ('09), graduate of the Advanced Rock Guide Course ('07)

University of Montana
B.A. in Liberal Arts, emphasis in Environmental Studies 1997-2001
Areas of Concentration: Education and Sustainability

Wild Rockies Field Institute
Graduate of the Ecology of the Colorado Plateau Semester 2000
A three month field course that focused on sustainability, human history and social influences on the environment.

AWARDS

The Mugs Stump Award, Received in recognition of a big wall first ascent in a remote corner of Patagonia 2009
Received funding from NOLS for and expedition to Patagonia 2008
Received funding from NOLS for and expedition to Greenland 2006
Received funding from NOLS for and expedition to Patagonia 2004
Received merit pay from NOLS 5 times 2003-Present

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS), WY 2003-Present
Worked as a Program Supervisor for the mountaineering and rock climbing program (2008); helped the program department with curriculum development; developed school wide risk management protocols for the mountaineering and rock climbing program; developed the Patagonia rock climbing program in Argentina; helped update, implement and improve technical rescue standards and training for the school; trained over 90 NOLS Instructors for the rock and mountaineering program; worked over 120 weeks in the field.

Exum Mountain Guides, WY 2009-present
Alpine Guide and Rock Climbing Instructor- guide technical alpine climbs throughout the Tetons; instruct rock climbing seminars to prepare clients for ascents in the Tetons and Wind River Range.

Joshua Tree Rock Climbing School, CA 2004-present
Rock Guide and Instructor
Guided desert rock climbs and taught 2-4 day seminars

Bishop Unified School District, CA 2003-2006
Worked as a substitute teacher at the Bishop High School and taught all subjects (Worked full time from '03-'04 and then part time until '06.).

Watershed Education Network, MT 2001
Taught grade school children riparian ecology, stream health monitoring techniques, invertebrate identification and watershed geography.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

International Expeditions: 1997-present
India 2009
Patagonia* 2005, 07, 08, 09
Canada* 2008, 01
Greenland* 2007
Kenya 2006
Mexico 2003
France 2002
Morocco 2002
Peru 2000

*Indicates expeditions that included significant first ascents

During the past 13 years, my rock, ice and mountaineering career has included:
-over 20 successful big walls (1,000-4000 foot walls) and attempts on about 25
-over 30 first ascents, mostly in alpine settings, 5 of which were between 1,000 to 3,000 feet tall
-participated in over 15 expeditions, 12 of which have been in foreign countries
-over 10 climbs completed in 'single push' style on rock or ice routes that have taken from 20 to 39hrs to climb

My top 5 alpine ascents include:

'Voices in the Night,' Cerro Piritas, Argentine Patagonia (FA), (V 5.11, 3,000') 2009
A first ascent of one of the most obscure big walls on the planet. The approach

involved 10 miles of boat travel, 20 miles of hiking with horse support and 10 miles of jungle hacking with machetes. The ascent of the wall involved 3 days of sustained 5.10-5.11 climbing. The journey back to civilization involved 20 miles of white water rafting down the Rio Turbio.

'The Ivory Pillar', Snagle Tooth, Greenland (FA), (V 5.10+, 3,000') 2007
A 39 hour ascent of a previously unclimbed tower of rock in the remote Fox Jaw Cirque in East Greenland. The descent included 12 hours of rappelling. Our team of 6 climbed 7 first ascents, totaling 12,000 feet of vertical terrain that had never been climbed before and 9,000 feet of rappelling.

'Franco-Argentine Route,' Fitzroy, Argentina (ED 5.11b, M4, AI 50° 2,500') 2005
An ascent of the famed South East face of the massive spike of rock and ice in Southern Patagonia. For a shot at this one, we waited 3 weeks for the weather to clear. The ascent, which usually takes 1 day, took us 3 due to the amount of ice that we had to hack off the rock in order to forge our way up the ice plastered face. During this weather window, 26 other climbers were thwarted on the same route due to the poor conditions.

'Pan American Route,' El Trono Blanco, Mexico (VI 5.11 A3) 2003
A 3 day ascent of a remote big wall on the infamous Trono Blanco. This was one of my most technically difficult ascents in a wilderness setting.

'Ferrari Route,' Alpamayo (el~20,000'), Cordellera Blanca, Peru (AI 70°) 2000
This is somewhat of a trade route. However, the 1,000 foot ice runnel on Alpamayo is one of the most aesthetic lines in the World. The route brought us to a stunning knife edge summit at 20,000 feet in the heart of the Andes.

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

The NOLS Climbing Instructor Notebook (CIN) 2003
Worked as a contracted writer and editor for the curriculum department. The CIN is a manual designed for mountaineering and rock climbing instructors. It contains lesson plans, school protocols, technical references, vertical rescue techniques and guiding techniques.

Accounts of My Personal Expeditions Have Been Published in the Following Media: American Alpine Club, Canadian Alpine Club, Rock and Ice Magazine, Climbing Magazine, The Leader, various websites and promotional media. 2002-Present

LANGUAGES

English- native language
Spanish- I speak basic Spanish for logistical operations

MEMBERSHIPS

American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA)
American Alpine Club (AAC)
Leave No Trace (LNT)
American Safe Climbing Association (ASCA)
NOLS Instructor Association (NIA)
Access Fund

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Rock Guide; American Mountain Guides Association
Avalanche Level 1; AIARE
Wilderness First Responder; Wilderness Medical Institute
LNT Trainer
LNT Master
LNT Master Trainer