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EDUCATION

- American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA) 2007-present
Advanced Ski Mountaineering Course & Aspirant Exam ('15)
Certified Rock Guide ('09)
Single Pitch Instructor (SPI) Course & Exam Provider
Advanced Rock Guide Course and Aspirant Exam ('07)
- University of Montana 1997-2001
B.A. in Liberal Arts, Emphasis in Environmental Studies
Areas of Concentration: Education and Sustainability
- Wild Rockies Field Institute 2000
Graduate of the 'Ecology of the Colorado Plateau' Semester
A three month field course that focused on sustainability, human history and social influences on the environment

TEACHING AND GUIDING EXPERIENCE

- School for International Expedition Training, SIET 2009-present
Founded SIET in 2009 to help educate aspiring mountaineers and outdoor educators. Instruct two to three week, high altitude expeditions in the Cordillera Blanca of Peru each spring and summer. Each expedition focuses on advanced mountaineering techniques, leadership, risk management, human influences on the Andean environment, and much more (see the SIET website for course info and curriculum: <http://expeditiontraining.org>). SIET also offers domestic courses that focus on mountaineering skills, avalanche education, self rescue, and alpine/ice climbing techniques.
- The National Outdoor Leadership School, NOLS 2003-2014
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; helped train over 90 NOLS Instructors for the rock and mountaineering program; worked over 130 weeks in the field in the US, Canada, Chile, Argentina, India.

Exum Mountain Guides, WY Alpine, Rock, and Ski Guide Guide technical alpine climbs throughout the Tetons; educate and prepare clients for ascents in the Teton and Wind River Ranges.	2009-present
University of Utah Instructor for the following types: Avalanche, Mountaineering, Backcountry Skiing, Rock Climbing	2014-present
Utah Mountain Adventures, UT Ski and Ice Guide; Avalanche Educator	2014-present
Prescott College, AZ Adjunct Instructor for the Alpine Mountaineering course	2012-present
Green Mountain College, VT Adjunct Instructor Course Leader for 'Essentials of Rock Climbing' each fall for the Adventure Education Program.	2010-present
Joshua Tree Rock Climbing School, CA Rock Guide and Instructor Guided desert rock climbs and 2-4 day seminars	2004-2010
Bishop Unified School District, CA Worked as a substitute teacher at the Bishop High School; taught all subjects (Worked full time from '03-'04 and then part time until '06.).	2003-2006
Watershed Education Network, MT Taught grade school children riparian ecology, stream health monitoring techniques, invertebrate identification and watershed geography.	2001

RELATED EXPERIENCE

International Expeditions:

- Pakistan* 2011
- India 2009
- Patagonia* 2005, 07, 08, 09
- Canada* 2008, 01
- Greenland* 2007
- Kenya 2006
- Mexico 2003
- France 2002
- Morocco 2002
- Peru 2000, 2010, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15...

*Indicates expeditions that included first ascents

During the past 15 years, my rock, ice and mountaineering career has included:

- over 20 successful big walls (1,000-4,000 foot walls) and attempts on about 25
- over 30 first ascents, mostly in alpine settings, most of which were between 1,000 to 3,000 feet
- participated in 20+ expeditions in foreign countries
- over 12 climbs completed in alpine style on rock, ice, or mixed routes that took from 20 to 39hrs to climb

Top 5 alpine ascents include:

West Face of Nafees Cap, Karakorum, Pakistan (first ascent attempt) 2011
During this 6 week, high altitude (17-20,000') expedition, I spent 10 days on the 3,000' wall with 3 teammates. We climbed about half way up the face and were ultimately stormed off by the Himalayan Monsoon.

'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 60° 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.

AWARDS

The Lyman Spitzer Award; for a high altitude big wall attempt in Pakistan 2011
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 international expeditions 2004-12

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

NOLS Mountaineering Instructor Notebook (MIN) 2012-14
NOLS Climbing Instructor Notebook (CIN) 2004
Worked as a contracted writer and editor for the NOLS curriculum department. The CIN & MIN are manuals designed for 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 conversational Spanish adequate for logistical operations

MEMBERSHIPS

American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA)

American Avalanche Association- Professional Member (AAA)

American Alpine Club (AAC)

Utah Nonprofit Association (UNA)

Leave No Trace (LNT)

Association for Outdoor Recreation and Education (AORE)

American Safe Climbing Association (ASCA)

NOLS Instructor Association (NIA)

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Rock Guide; American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA)

Single Pitch Instructor (SPI) Course and Exam Provider (AMGA)

Assistant Ski Guide (AMGA)

Avalanche Level 3; American Avalanche Institute (AAI)

Wilderness First Responder; Wilderness Medical Institute (WMI)

CPR; Wilderness Medical Institute (WMI)

LNT Master Trainer

Certificate of Completion, Advanced Course in Mountain Medicine for Mountain Guides