

# LAUREN WESTERMAN

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*Objective:*

- To attain a position involving environmentally- and sustainability-focused work that requires community outreach and activities around the state.

*Education:*

- **Master's of Environmental Sci**, 2013  
Taylor University, Upland, IN  
GPA: 3.82/4.00
- **Bachelor of Arts**, 2011  
Environmental Biology  
Covenant College, Lookout Mtn, GA  
GPA: 3.70/4.00

*Skills and Abilities:*

- Communication skills: able to articulate ideas both written or conversationally; able to plan and deliver engaging presentations
- Computer skills: extensive work with Microsoft Office; previous work with GIS ArcView
- Cultural diversity: well-traveled and experienced leading to multi-cultural understanding
- Leadership ability: good initiative; communicates easily with individuals or groups; ability to teach and motivate others effectively
- Research skills: excellent writer with good problem solving and research skills
- Responsible: hard worker with or without guidance; organized and detail-oriented
- Teaching skills: able to express concepts in tangible and understandable ways

*Work Experience:*

- **Kent County Dept of Public Works**  
Resource Recovery Specialist  
Jan 2016-June 2022
- **Au Sable Institute of Env Studies**  
Environmental Education Intern  
Jan-Feb 2014
- **Cornerstone University**  
Adjunct Professor, Env. Sci..  
Jan-May 2020
- **Wildlife and Env Society of South Africa**  
Education Officer Intern  
Feb-April 2013
- **The North Face**  
Seasonal Supervisor  
Oct 2014-March 2016
- **Taylor University**  
Geology and Geography Teaching Assistant  
Feb-Dec 2012
- **John Ball Zoo**  
Lead Zoo Instructor  
March 2014-Oct 2015
- **One World Adventure Company**  
Outdoor Environmental Educator  
May-Aug 2012

*Honors and Activities:*

- Member of MI Science Teacher Association (MSTA) since 2018
- Member of MI Alliance for Environmental & Outdoor Education (MAEOE) since 2018
- Certified Environmental Educator - Professional, MAEOE, 2018-2023
- Volunteer with John Ball Zoo, 2017-2020, and Plaster Creek Stewards, 2015
- Certified Naturalist, Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies, 2014
- Certified in Project WILD and Project Learning Tree, 2014
- Environmental education volunteer at Kalamazoo Nature Center, 2013

*Published Work:*

- *Stepping up to Sustainability through 'Change Choice Practices' and Social Media*: coauthored with Jim Taylor; published in WESSA's *Environment Magazine*; June 2013