



## Past Internships



### 2009

**Erica Hougland, '10, worked with City Farms in Chicago, Illinois, which has as its mission to serve as a training and demonstration center for sustainable urban agriculture, while also working with low income families.**

**Grace Marengo-Sanchez, '10, worked with St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Postville, Iowa, to provide basic legal information and information about social services available to victims of the Federal raid on undocumented workers at Agroprocessors, Inc.**

**Gabrielle Robinson-Bajuscik, '11, was the Grinnell Area Local Foods Alliance (GALFA) intern, in which capacity she worked with Compass Plant CSA, College Dining Services, Café Phoenix, and other aspects of the local food system in Grinnell.**

### 2008

**Amelia Freeberg, '10, did an internship with Kansas City Center Urban Agriculture, which is an organization established in 2004 to promote community-based, small-scale, entrepreneurial farming in urban Kansas City.**

**Paige Greenley, '09 was awarded an internship working with the Grinnell Parks and Recreation Department to develop and implement a butterfly conservation curriculum for the children of the Grinnell community.**

**Ian Bishop, '10, worked as a summer intern with the Jasper County Conservation Board. This hands-on experience includes environmental education, invasive species control, and trail building.**

**Dean Porter's '10, internship was working with the GALFA (Grinnell Area Local Foods Alliance) which included assisting with garden care, harvesting, share distribution, promotion of CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) and other activities of the local food movement including the community garden and the Grinnell farmers market.**

**Erica Hougland, '10, was the Youth Conservation Corps intern this summer. The Grinnell Youth Conservation Corps (GYCC) is composed of a crew of high school students that works on conservation projects in Grinnell's parks for 8 weeks during the summer. The crew is led by a Grinnell College student who coordinates the program activities and works alongside the crew.**



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**Ann McCullough, '08 interned at Community Homestead in Wisconsin, an intentional community which serves people with diverse abilities and disabilities.**

**Erin Sindewald, '08 held the established internship with the Grinnell Area Local Food Alliance, Grinnell, Iowa (Brenda Dunham and Jon Andelson, co-supervisors) where she learned about local food systems by working with Grinnell's Compass Plant CSA, the farmers market, a local farmer, college dining services, and worked at the campus garden.**

**Jacob Gjoesdahl, '10, worked at Diversity Farms with Jon Judson and was involved with many aspects of prairie restoration and reconstruction.**

**Ellen Zaander, '10, as the Youth Conservation Corps intern, Ellen lead a crew of three Grinnell High School students to do conservation work at Arbor Lake.**

### 2006

**Alicia Sellon, '07, Youth Conservation Corp During the spring 2006 semester Alicia was responsible for coordinating with city and park officials and local organizations to develop a schedule and plan for specific projects at Arbor Lake Park. She also worked to publicize the YCC program, help recruit high school students, and assisted with the hiring process. During the summer internship, she coordinated all YCC crew work.**

**Elizabeth Tegeler, '07, Compass Plant CSA and Grinnell Area Local Food Alliance, Grinnell, Iowa (Brenda Dunham and Jon Andelson, co-supervisors). Lizzie assisted with all regular activities of CSA (garden care, harvesting, share distribution, promotion) and other activities of the local food movement including the Campus Garden and the Saturday farmers market**

### 2005

**Allison Berger, '08: Compass Plant CSA and Grinnell Area Local Food Alliance, Grinnell, Iowa (Brenda Dunham and Jon Andelson, co-supervisors); assisted with all regular activities of CSA (garden care, harvesting, share distribution, promotion) and other activities of the local food movement including the Campus Garden and the Saturday farmers market**

**Calvin Dane, '08: Quad Cities Buy Fresh-Buy Local, Bettendorf, Iowa (A.J. Wacaser, supervisor); assisted in various phases of the development of the local foods movement in the Quad Cities, with particular emphasis on establishing a community supported agriculture program and advancing the local version of the state-wide "Buy Fresh, Buy Local" campaign.**



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Lorin Ditzler, '06: Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce, Grinnell, Iowa (Larry Goodrich, supervisor); assisted with various activities at the Chamber of Commerce, including working with retail merchants, facilitating tour groups, and working with Chamber special events.

2004

Eli Zigas worked for the non-profit organization Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture (CISA) in South Deerfield, Massachusetts. Eli worked to promote local food purchasing among a variety of local buyers. He also assisted in efforts to establish Town Agricultural Commissions across Western Massachusetts.

Daniel Lesh's internship took him to The Land Institute in Salina, Kansas where participated in research into the creation of a sustainable agriculture with the prairie as the model.

2003

Elizabeth Blair completed an internship at Full Circle Farm in Madrid, IA, working on their oak savannah project, an oral history on the farm, and other aspects of the farm operation.

Aeleka Schortman worked on the Arbor Lake Watershed project, focusing on community education efforts and worked with Judie Krebsbach

Josh Rosenbluh worked on recycling initiatives with Imagine Grinnell Board member Liz Queathem, involving collaboration with the City of Grinnell and Grinnell College.

Erika Doot worked with the Community Supported Agriculture (Established Internship) in assisting with the gardening activities and the distribution of weekly food allotments.

2002

Nicholas Wagner accepted a student internship with the Bishop Hill Heritage Association at Bishop Hill, Illinois. The colony of "Bishop Hill" was established in 1846 when Swedish religious radical Eric Jansson and a group of followers set sail for America and the promise of religious freedom. The town has gone through many changes over the years and is home to many invaluable artifacts and documents that relate a particularly unique story of the settlement of the Illinois prairie and the relationship of a human population to this land. Nicholas spent a large portion of his internship organizing and archiving the hundreds of historical photographs that belong to the BHHA. Nicholas worked primarily with Michael Wendel, the BHHA Administrator.

Sarah Barkley worked this summer as an intern at the Salisbury House in Des Moines. This



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magnificent 42-room mansion, completed in 1928, cost three million dollars to build and is not only an architectural masterpiece, but is also the home of an outstanding rare books and documents collection and a world class collection of art. During her internship, Sarah learned about the procedures for the upkeep of such treasures, and other aspects of how museums help with preservation of history. She worked closely with Curator, Amy Rood.

Daniel Carter has a deep passion and appreciation for the tallgrass prairie. "The prairie is a dynamic living quilt that has much to offer," says Dan. That's why Dan views his internship at Diversity Farms as an incredible opportunity. He worked at their farms near Dedham, Iowa and other locations. He was involved with prairie burns and mowing, harvesting and cleaning seeds, and inventorying species. He also was involved in the process of reconstructing a prairie from scratch. Diversity Farms grow and produce prairie seeds of plants on their farm for commercial sale. They also manage privately-owned prairie remnants in the Loess Hills.

Lauren Wright, Compass Plant C.S.A., Grinnell Iowa. Lauren writes, "In my internship with the Community Supported Agriculture program this summer, I learned about place and prairie, life and living, food and faith. My learning was both physical and cerebral: each week I helped Ann Brau pick vegetables for the weekly CSA pickup. In the course of picking and interacting with Ann (a veritable diamond mine of knowledge) I learned a great deal about vegetable production specifically and the occupation of agriculture more generally, and experienced first-hand the labors and rewards of growing food. Each week I assisted with the pickup itself out at the Dunham farm. Under the tutelage of Professor Jon Andelson I've delved into the literature that inspires the philosophy of the local food movement. In addition to all this, each week I visited prairies, interact with farmers and community members, and went on field trips. It was a summer of great and significant learning."

Devon McGranahan's internship was in the Jasper County NRCS office in Newton, Iowa, where he worked on the Rock Creek Lake Watershed Project with Keri Batterson and also learned about the government's role in soil and resource conservation. He writes, "I just finished my second year at Grinnell College, studying ecology, and I spent last summer working on our restored prairie, so I like to think I've started to understand some of the philosophy behind conservation, at least from the literature's standpoint. I come from a farm east of Spencer, Iowa, and I remember the NRCS man coming out with his wheel and giving us cost estimates on various seeding programs. This summer, I've observed the middle ground - the interface between the research and the application. My personal projects included developing a web site for the office here <[www.jasperswcd.cdiowa.org](http://www.jasperswcd.cdiowa.org)>, creating educational materials for Rock Creek Lake, identifying and documenting prairie remnants in Jasper County. Rock Creek Watershed Project, Newton, Iowa.



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### 2001

The internships sponsored in the Summer of 2001 were given Richard Mankhey to work at Grinnell College and Conard Environmental Research Area; Kristin Grote to work at Tillers International at Kalamazoo, MI; and to Justin Torrence to work at Missouri Botanical Garden.

### 2000

G. Anthony Smith, whose internship consisted of independent research on the history of folk music in Iowa, and was supplemented by working one day a week at the pioneer farm at Living History Farms.

B.J. Bloom worked at Living History Farms. His final research project was entitled, "Land Use and Governmental Policy in Iowa During the 1930s and 1940s."

Andrew Nelson worked on two projects. One was a case study analysis of small farming in the Upper Midwest. His paper was entitled, "From a Lifestyle to a Business, Small Farming in Transition." For his second project he constructed a web page on wind energy.