# Teresa VanDoren

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#### **Education**

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, California Bachelor of Arts: **Modern Languages and Literatures**, June 2010

Cultural Studies Elective Cluster: Elementary Hispanic Language and Culture, Race, Culture and Politics in U.S., Cultural Anthropology, Human Cultural Adaptation, Global Geography, The Global Environment, Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

#### International Education

El Centro de Lenguas Modernas, University of Granada, Spain, 2008-2009 Academic Year Language Courses Abroad: International House, Playa del Carmen, Mexico, Winter 2007 University of Salamanca, Spain, Study Abroad: Summer 2004

## **International Community Experience**

# La Finca Argayall, Place of Light, La Gomera, Canary Islands, Spain

Assistant Chef/Community Member/Event Planner

June-August 2010

- Worked 6 days per week in vegetarian kitchen prepared meals
- Co-existed with fellow community members and guests from Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, England, Israel, Italy, Argentina
- Orchestrated community events

#### Student World Assembly Cal Poly Chapter, San Luis Obispo, California

**Publicity Coordinator** 

September 2007-June 2008

- Facilitated discussions at meetings surrounding current events
- Responsible for publicizing upcoming events throughout the campus
- Organized film showings and interactive educational displays on campus and in the community

### Student Conservation Association, Denali, Alaska

Conservation Crew Member

Summer 2004

- Lived and volunteered in Denali National Park helping the Park Service
- Built a trail covering 3 miles and 3,000ft. incline
- Cooperated with five other teens from diverse backgrounds from across the country

### **Experience in Education**

# San Luis Obispo Parks and Recreation, San Luis Obispo, California

Head Teacher

February 2010-June 2010

- Created educationally stimulating activities for children in grades K-6
- Implemented planned activities
- Supervised 14 children, ages 5-12 during each shift

### Children Using Language to Understand "R" Earth, San Luis Obispo, California

Co-founder of Club/Activities Coordinator

September 2003-June 2004

- Planned lessons aimed at grades K-2 learning Spanish
- Taught an 8 week course on beginning Spanish at Sinshimer Elementary School
- Organized activities for the club to gain exposure on campus

### Travel Experience

August 2009 - August 2006: Lived in Granada, Spain and traveled throughout Western and Eastern Europe

Winter 2007 - Playa del Carmen, Mexico

Summer 2005 - Traveled throughout Costa Rica

Summer 2004 – Lived in Salamanca, Spain and traveled throughout Spain

#### **Skills**

Language: Bilingual Spanish/English, Conversational French

Computer: Word, PowerPoint, Excel, 50 WPM