# NATHANIEL PURDY CLAPP

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# **EDUCATION**

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

- Master of Arts in Teaching, Elementary Education, 2009
- Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology, 2002

#### MUSEUM EXPERIENCE

Volunteer, John G. Shedd Aguarium, Chicago, Illinois, July 2009-Present

- Collaborate closely with Shedd aquarists, cleaning display tanks, preparing food, and feeding and tending the animals.
- Work as part of the marine mammal scuba team, regularly cleaning the beluga whale tanks and other marine mammal habitats.

# Associate Curator, Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology, Bristol, Rhode Island, August 2008–March 2009

 Assisted in the ongoing reorganization, cataloging, and evaluation of the vast and important collection of Brown University's Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology, preparing for the museum's relocation.

# Transition Staff, Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology, Bristol, Rhode Island, January 2005–May 2005

 Helped build display hardware, transport and arrange artifacts, and assist with the opening of the Haffenreffer Museum's satellite gallery on campus at Manning Hall, which opened in May 2005.

# Student Curator, Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology, Bristol, Rhode Island, January-May 2001

- · Helped organize, design and install exhibit Death, Defense, Distinction: Weapons and Power.
- Earned valuable experience planning and installing a museum exhibit and working in a long-term group project intended to educate a wide audience.

#### Research Assistant, Bermuda Maritime Museum, Bermuda, Summer 2000

- Excavated North Carolina, a 570-ton iron-hulled cargo ship built in Scotland in 1876 and sunk off Bermuda in 1880.
- · Practiced underwater survey techniques and methods of archaeological preservation and restoration.

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

# Private Math and Science Tutor, Providence, Rhode Island, January 2007–June 2008

· Privately tutored former students and other local elementary school students in math, science, and technology.

#### Student Teacher with Brown M.A.T. Program, Providence, Rhode Island, June 2006-June 2007

- Co-taught in first-grade, fourth-grade, and sixth-grade classrooms at three different public and private Providence schools.
- Focused on curriculum design and implementation, and on math and science instruction through hands-on learning.

# Specials Teacher, Aerie Program, Wheeler School, Providence, Rhode Island, September 2005-June 2006

- Taught lower and middle school students as a specialist in the Aerie Program, a school-wide enrichment program.
- Used two years of collegiate training in ancient Egyptian hieroglyphic to design and teach a comprehensive hieroglyphic unit.

# MARINE AND RELATED EXPERIENCE

# Sailing Instructor, Chicago Sailing, Chicago, Illinois, May 2009-Present

- Teach group and private lessons at major urban sailing center with 24 keelboats, ranging in size from 22 feet to 53 feet.
- · Professionally certified by U.S. Sailing, the national governing body of sailing.

#### Marine Aquarium Consultant, Providence, Rhode Island, December 2006–March 2009

- Advised, consulted, and assisted in the setup and maintenance of classroom aquariums and private tanks.
- Hosted live video and data feed of my own home marine reef system (http://fish.nattyclapp.com/).

### Research Assistant, Bellairs Research Institute, Barbados, West Indies, Summer 2001

- Quantified differences in reproductive output, predation, and overall success of the territorial bi-colored damselfish in different conditions.
- Strengthened coral reef conservation efforts by examining which environmental characteristics respond best to protection efforts.

# OTHER EXPERIENCE

# Store Manager, Cargo, Providence, Rhode Island, April 2004–April 2006

- Managed iconic outdoor clothing store in downtown Providence.
- Responsible for day-to-day operation of the store, including hiring and training new employees, placing orders, and coordinating all aspects of customer service.

# Policy Intern, Conservation Law Foundation, Providence, Rhode Island, December 2003-June 2004

- Policy intern at notable New England environmental advocacy group.
- Researched and conducted interviews on relevant environmental issues.
- Authored and edited white papers intended for internal and public consumption.

# PROFESSIONAL RATINGS

- PADI Divemaster #186847, active status, renewed annually.
- U.S. Sailing Keelboat Instructor, nationally certified through May 2012.
- Field Assistant for Rhode Island Forensic Archaeology Recovery, active through 2009.
- First Aid and CPR/AED trained, American Red Cross-certified through May 2012 and 2010, respectively.