

**Nick Slobodian**  
*Curriculum Vitae*  
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## **Summary**

Year of Birth: 1988, Manassas, Virginia, USA

Residence: Ecuador

Education: B.S. Agroecology, UC Santa Cruz

Research Interests: I am interested in Agroforestry as a tool for broadscale landscape restoration, conservation, and sustainable community development. I am also interested in the use of various non-timber forest products such as bamboo and their role in sustainable forestry practices and limiting deforestation.

## **Relevant Experience**

- **January 2016-Present**      **Third Millennium Alliance**      **Jama, Ecuador**  
*Director of Agroforestry*  
As Director of Agroforestry I am directing the overall Agroforestry Operations for the 1,300 acre Jama-Coaque Reserve. This work consists of personnel management, GIS Mapping, coordinating broadscale reforestation and agroforestry production, designing and facilitating a community agroforestry development program, working with multiple stakeholders, and managing grant writing for the program
  
- **January 2015-December 2015**      **Third Millennium Alliance**      **Jama, Ecuador**  
*Agroforestry Operations Manager*  
As Agroforestry Operations Manager I managed all ground operations for agroforestry production and reforestation for the 1,300 acre Jama Coaque Reserve. Also serving as general operations manager for the reserve, maintaining a forest biological research station and surrounding intensive food forest demonstration site, and teaching groups of college interns tropical agriculture and Permaculture Design.
  
- **January 2013-Present**      **Ellison CARE**      **Santa Cruz, CA**  
*Vocational and Horticultural Therapist*  
For the past year I have been working as a Vocational Therapist with a 22 year old autistic young man providing him vocational training and mentorship. Teaching him job skills, carpentry, landscaping, gardening, and environmental education.
  
- **August 2012-Present**      **Alta Vista Farm & Forestry**      **Santa Cruz, CA**  
*Owner/Operator*  
Alta Vista Farm and Forestry is an Ecological Design and Land Management company that specializes in Regenerative Land Management and Permaculture Design. Services include brush clearing, lumber milling, orchard management, rainwater harvesting, and native landscape restoration.
  
- **April 2012- September 2012**      **Thomas Farm**      **Corralitos, CA**  
*Farmer/Marketeer*
  
- **September 2011-February 2012**      **Cityblooms**      **Santa Cruz, CA**  
*Production Manager*

Performed system maintenance, micro greens production, nursery management, data collection and analysis, system construction and design, sales, and product deliveries to restaurants.

- **May 2011-September 2011 Santa Cruz Aquaponics** **Watsonville,CA**  
*Trials Project Leader*

Conducted vegetable trials in a 10,000 sq. ft. greenhouse aquaponic system. I propagated plants for production, monitored plant growth and water quality, and harvested the finished product.

- **February 2011-September 2011 Live Earth Farm** **Watsonville, CA**  
*Apprentice Farmer*

General Tractor work, animal husbandry, nursery management and propagation, direct marketing through farmers markets, CSA Delivery, implementing on-farm land management projects, pasture management, volunteer coordination and farm education, broad scale irrigation coordination and management.

- **Fall 2010 UC Santa Cruz Center for Agroecology** **Santa Cruz, CA**  
*Food Systems Working Group Volunteer*

- **Summer 2010 Regenerative Design Institute** **Santa Cruz, CA**  
*Farm Apprentice*

### **Publications**

Slobodian, N. Agroforestry in Ecuador. Permaculture Design #99, Ecological Restoration, Feb. 2016

### **Presentations**

Occupational Therapy in Permaculture, International Permaculture Convergence, Havana, Cuba 2013

Agroforestry and it Role in Conservation, UC Riverside Program of Sustainable Studies Speaker Series, 2016

### **Courses Taught**

Permaculture Design Course – Jama-Coaque Reserve, Ecuador (2015-Current)

Introduction to Permaculture – UC Santa Cruz Program in Community and Agroecology (Spring and Fall 2011)

Warrior Yoga Assistant Instructor, UCSC Outdoor Recreation Volunteer, Organic Farm Intern, UCSC Natural History Field Quarter

Food Forest Gardening- Reskilling Expo 2011

### **Academic Record**

**2010 University of California, Santa Cruz Santa Cruz, CA**

B.A. Environmental Studies (Agroecology/Natural History)  
Minor: Latin American and Latino Studies

**Thesis:** Design Strategies and Applications for the Regenerative Integration of Livestock into the Agroecosystem, *Advisor:* Carol Shennan

**Relevant Courses:** Agroecosystem Analysis and Watershed Management, Integrated Pest Management, Land Management and Preservation, California Vegetation, California Natural History, Conservation Biology, Agroecology, Ecology and Society, General Ecology

**2011 Southern Oregon Permaculture Institute Ashland, OR**  
*Certified Permaculture Teacher Trainer*

**2010 Regenerative Design Institute Bolinas, CA**  
*Permaculture Design Certificate*

**2009 Cabrillo College Aptos, CA**  
*Environmental Horticulture Department*  
Courses Taken: Sustainable Landscaping, Business Aspects of Horticulture, Landscape Gardening, Sustainable Horticulture Seminars

**Certificate Trainings:** Watershed Education Training (EPA), Plant Taxonomy Teacher Training (CA Native Plant Society), Bay Watershed Education Training in Agriculture, Forestry, Watershed Management (Cal Poly SLO), CBEST CA Substitute Teaching Certificate

**Volunteer Experience:** Homeless Garden Project (Santa Cruz, CA), Occidental Arts & Ecology Center (Occidental, CA), Oikonos Habitat Restoration (Santa Cruz, CA), Midnight Mission (Los Angeles, CA), Mesa Verde Gardens (Santa Cruz, CA)

### **Languages**

English: Native speaker  
Spanish: Intermediate Fluency

### **References**

Provided upon request