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EDUCATION

B.S., Business Administration (Cum Laude), Northeastern University, Boston, MA, 2002
B.A., Music (Cum Laude), Northeastern University, Boston, MA, 2002

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND QUALIFICATIONS

United States Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Credential:

- ◆ Master of Steam, Motor and Auxiliary Sail Vessels to 1600 Tons Upon Oceans
 - ◆ Able-Bodied Seaman, Unlimited
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EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor of Nautical Science

United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York

2015

Taught the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) curriculum to midshipmen in preparation for their first seagoing voyage as a cadet. Classroom and lab instruction included shipboard emergency response methods, safety equipment and its uses, lifeboat launching and conning techniques and survival skills at sea in a lifeboat.

Chief Mate, *T/V Kings Pointer*

United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York

2014 – 2015

Managed midshipmen officers serving aboard *Kings Pointer* in voyage planning, safety drills and inspections, shipboard operations and navigation. Developed and executed operational routines for integrating the *Kings Pointer* into the academic curriculum while underway and alongside at USMMA. Led deck cadets assigned to the vessel in all aspects of operations and maintenance on board. Collaborated with Captain and Chief Engineer to ready the vessel for renewal of the ship's "Certificate of Inspection," including assisting in hiring and training a full crew, compiling documentation and creating and updating manuals outlining operations on board.

Captain, *M/V Sea Wolf*

Sea Wolf Adventures, Glacier Bay, Alaska

2013 – 2014

Managed the safe navigation, operations, and maintenance aboard the 97-foot former minesweeper. Led the crew in all aspects of shipboard operations, including provisioning, bunkering fuel and coordinating passenger embarking and disembarking the vessel. Planned and executed outstanding, environmentally conscious, safety oriented wilderness adventures for 12 passengers during week-long trips in Glacier Bay National Park and surrounding waters. Coordinated with the National Park Service regarding the logistics and regulations applicable to operating a small passenger vessel in Park Service waters.

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EXPERIENCE – Continued

Senior Chief Mate, SSV Robert C. Seamans

Sea Education Association, Woods Hole, Massachusetts **2013 – 2014**

Led a navigational watch on 6-week ocean voyages aboard the 134-foot traditionally rigged steel Sailing School Vessel *Robert C. Seamans*. Taught shipboard operations to as many as 27 college students per trip, focusing on celestial navigation and traditional seamanship. Led students and deck crew in all aspects of maintenance aboard, including frequent scheduled rig inspections and preventative maintenance projects. Coordinated the needs of all departments during turnaround periods, including logistics for procurement, provisioning, bunkering fuel, shipping and receiving, and crew turnover. Established work lists for and managed projects during month-long yard periods. Prepared for and coordinated with both U.S. Coast Guard and American Bureau of Shipping Inspectors during annual renewal of the ship's "Certificate of Inspection."

Waterfront Foreman

South Street Seaport Museum, New York, New York **2012 – 2013**

Managed 5 waterfront staff preserving and operating eight historic vessels. Responsible for creating work lists, managing discrete projects and overseeing waterfront budgets. Planned and executed weekly workdays with our large volunteer cadre, harnessing their diverse skills to achieve our continually evolving goals on the waterfront. Managed procurement for ongoing projects aboard our historic vessels as well as our operational schooner *Pioneer* by establishing new and rekindling prior relationships with vendors and contractors.

Mate and Educator, SSV Robert C. Seamans and SSV Corwith Cramer

Sea Education Association, Woods Hole, Massachusetts **2007 – 2011**

Led a navigational watch on ocean voyages aboard the 134-foot traditionally rigged steel sailing vessels *SSV Robert C. Seamans* and *SSV Corwith Cramer*. Voyages included sailing in the Eastern, Central and South Pacific and along the eastern seaboard. Taught celestial navigation, traditional seamanship and shipboard operations to as many as 27 college or high school students per trip.

Mate and Bosun, Schooner Virginia

Virginia Maritime Heritage Foundation, Norfolk, Virginia **2006**

Led a navigational watch on the 126-foot schooner *Virginia* on the Chesapeake Bay. Devised and implemented solutions for the continued improvement and functionality of a new rig. Planned and supervised all maintenance required on a gaff-rigged wooden pilot schooner. Led rig-down in preparation for the ship's winter lay-up.