

Melissa Amarello

Independent worker: productive with minimal and distant supervision.

Expert conservation biologist: familiar with natural systems and able to identify many animal and plant species of the southwest.

Effective communicator: present complex, technical information in a positive, easily understood manner in 14 oral and 7 poster presentations at scientific conferences, 15 peer-reviewed publications, dozens of public presentations, and more than a hundred popular science articles.

Operate, maintain, and troubleshoot various equipment and IT systems (often in remote areas) including: 4wd trucks, ATVs, remote cameras, computer networks, and tractors.

EXPERIENCE

Co-founder, Director of Education
Advocates for Snake Preservation
2010-present | Tucson, AZ

Coordinated environmental education.
Managed finances, including budgets and fundraising.

Worked long, physically-demanding days in the field studying snake natural history.

Develop relationships with diverse partners to build coalitions and address conservation issues.

Guest Services & Outreach Assistant
The Nature Conservancy
2013 | Muleshoe Ranch CMA

Co-managed the preserve for 4 months during the preserve manager's absence.

Supervised 2-3 volunteers seasonally.

Communications Associate
Center for Biological Diversity
2014-present | Tucson, AZ

Interpreted technical information into engaging text and graphics for our websites.
Reviewed and shared conservation news for our social media accounts.

Worked with a team of diverse partners to develop and launch a campaign.

Volunteer Naturalist
The Nature Conservancy
2011-2013 | Muleshoe Ranch CMA

Coordinated educational events and daily environmental education.

Prepared housing, visitor center, and surrounding areas for the public.

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Biology
Arizona State University

Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources
University of Arizona (*cum laude*)

TECHNOLOGY

Adobe CC (Acrobat, InDesign, Photoshop)
Microsoft Office (Access, Excel, PowerPoint, Word)

Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer