# Lucy Weidner

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**Senior Honors Thesis Project** 

#### Education

Northwestern University	2017—2021
Bachelor of Arts   <i>Expected 1<sup>st</sup> Class Degree with Honors</i>	
Dual major in Environmental Sciences and English Literature, with minor in Earth Sciences	
University of Edinburgh	2019-2020
Exchange Year Abroad - Physical Geography	
Wilson Memorial High School	2013—2017
Advanced Diploma   GPA: 4.48   Class Rank: #2	
Shenandoah Valley Governor's School	2015—2017
STEM Program Diploma   GPA: 4.48	

#### **Research Experience**

2020-present

2018-2019

2016-2017

- A reconstruction of the paleoenvironment and fire history of Vista Alegre, on the north coast of the Yucatan Peninsula
- Includes charcoal and stable isotope analysis on three sediment push cores: weighing, drying, and processing hundreds of sediment samples

#### **Undergraduate Research Assistant Program, Northwestern University** 2019—present

Survey development to measure the general publics' acceptance of and awareness of the scientific literature supporting the health benefits of being in nature

#### Research Assistant, Northwestern University, Earth & Planetary Science Sum. 2019

# Prepared hundreds of rock samples (~400) for stable isotope analysis

# Walking Green Project, Northwestern University, Anthropology

• Used atlas.ti and STATA to analyze both quantitative and qualitative data relating to the effect of green and natural spaces on human psychology and physiology

# • Assisted in writing and editing manuscripts in academic research journals (listed below)

# Lab Intern, University of Virginia, Pathology Lab

• Used siRNA testing and biosensor fret assays to study GRK4 proteins

# **Publications**

### Koselka, EPD, Weidner, LC, Minasov, A, Berman, MG, Leonard, WR, Santoso, MV, de Brito, JN, Pope, ZC, Pereira, MA & Horton, TH (2019) 'Walking Green: Developing an evidence base for nature prescriptions', International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health 16(22): 4338. https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph16224338

#### Awards

Undergraduate Research Office Academic Year Grant (\$1,000)	Winter 2021
Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute Summer Fellowship	Summer 2021 (deferred)
• Creation of a project to monitor the impact of climate change on whale migration in the	
North Pacific	-
Weinberg College Summer Research Grant - \$3500	Summer 2020

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Lane Fund for Environmental Studies

# Northwestern Alumni STEM Scholarship - \$4,000

Harry F. Byrd Leadership Award - \$10,000

Fall 2019

Fall 2017

# Community Outreach Experience

### Senior Counselor, Camp Lachlan (Rockbridge Baths, VA)

#### 2014—present

Summer 2016

- Team member with 30 co-counselors to ensure the safety and well-being of 120 campers
- Taught children as well as led outdoor activities like hiking and kayaking
- Summer 2019 Lead Counselor in charge of directing younger staff and coordinating with camp directors about proper procedure for both safety measures and daily activities

Summer Intern, University of North Carolina—Wilmington

- Collected organic carbon data by weighing and preparing various samples for analysis
- Surveyed barrier islands by wading through water and logging sea level for days at a time
- Created citizen science and outreach programs for local kids including organizing an implementing the creation of artificial oyster reefs on the Cape Fear River

# Campus Activities

Northwestern University Tour Guide	2018—present
Helicon Magazine, Prose Staff Editor	2017—present
In Our Nature Magazine, Staff Writer	2018—present
Northwestern Mock Trial, Member	2018—present
Northwestern University Outing Club, Member	2017-present
Shepard Residential College, Philanthropy and Community Engagement Chair	2018—2019
Edinburgh University Canoe Club	2019—2020
Edinburgh University Mountaineering Club	2019—2020

# Relevant Course Work

- Physics Calculus based (and Labs)
- Calculus
- Cell Biology
- Genetics and Molecular Biology
- Inorganic Chemistry (and Labs)
- Physiology
- Introduction to Statistics
- Statistics for Life Sciences
- Intro to RStudio
- GIS Level 1

# Skills

- Team leadership
- Organizational skills
- Strong verbal and written communication
- Experience in atlas.ti, ESRI ArcGIS, Qualtrics, and RStudio
- Basic Spanish language
- PADI Rescue Diver Certification
- First aid and CPR training and certifications

- Intro Earth Systems
- The Health of the Biosphere
- Energy and the Environment
- Intro Physical Geology
- Earth System History
- Paleoecology
- Glaciology
- Conservation Biology
- Aqueous Geochemistry
- Quaternary Climate Change

# Hobbies

- Backpacking and mountaineering, whitewater kayaking, SCUBA diving, and general outdoors enthusiast
- Knitting
- Guitar
- Writing and reading
- Running