

# Zach Arfa

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I have spent my college years building community. I've worked with teenagers overcoming addiction and mental health challenges, Oberlin students in cooperative living, elementary school boys, incarcerated adults, and various student organizations. This hands on community experience is backed up by my strong demonstrated writing and organizational skills and many years of quantitative and analytic experience from my psychology degree. Climate change is the most pressing issue of our time, and I want to put this experience to work solving this environmental crisis.

## EDUCATION

**Oberlin College** | Oberlin, OH May 2020  
Bachelor of Arts; Psychology Major, Dance Minor

**Williams-Mystic Maritime Studies** | Mystic, CT Dec. 2019  
This program takes an experiential approach to rigorously studying coastal climate adaptation through interdisciplinary maritime classes and field seminars around the country focusing on coastal resilience.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Hilltown Youth Performing Arts Programs: Charlemont, MA

Artistic Director | June 2019 - Present  
Associate Artistic Director | June 2018 – June 2019  
Music Director | June 2016 – June 2018  
**Supervisor: Jonathan Diamond** jonathan@crocker.com

- Produce and direct large scale, immersive youth theater spectacles with teens overcoming addiction, trauma and other mental/behavioral health challenges
- Coordinate work and schedules for a staff of 12 and 70+ participants
- Plan and organize summer workshops for youth performers to navigate rehearsal needs, guest artist schedules, and camp day
- Help our team plan and run Recovery Intensives twice a year with
- Help create the musical score for the winter Theater Enrichment Program
- Help fundraise year-round, including meeting and presenting to donors, and writing grants

### The Oberlin Student Cooperative Association: Oberlin, OH

Housing Coordinator | May 2018 – May 2019  
Housing and Loose Ends Coordinator | May 2017 – May 2018  
Head Cook | Jan 2016 – May 2016  
Food Buyer | Sept 2016 – Dec 2016

- Ran all housing operations for 5 houses with 180 residents total
- Trained and managed a staff of 8 people to run buildings and build community in dorms
- Worked closely with Oberlin College Residential Education to negotiate the housing policies of our two organizations
- Conducted weekly inspections of physical housing facilities to make sure they were fire-safe, operational, and clean.
- Helped to coordinate and run organization-wide operations.

## ACTIVITIES & LEADERSHIP

- Oberlin Contact Improvisation Collective Treasurer
- Grafton Prison Choir Assistant
- Elementary School "Boys in Motion" Instructor
- LaunchU Entrepreneurship Pitch Competition Presenter
- Sunrise Movement Activist

## SKILLS

**Technical:** Grant Writing, Fundraising, SPSS, Microsoft Office, WordPress, Statistics, Research, Organization, Logistic Experience, Management

**Soft:** Leadership, Community/Group Building, Facilitation, Presentation, Teaching, Music, Theater, Dance/Movement, Sailing, Rock Climbing

## COURSEWORK

### Environment & Research:

- Advanced Methods in Community Based Social Marketing
- Environmental Studies
- Maritime Studies
- Grant Writing
- Seminar in Social Conflict
- Neuroscience
- Independent Research
- Two Statistical Research Methods
- Supervised Research in Adolescent Development