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## **OCCUPATIONS**

- 1994 Present Director, Agricultural and Forestry Systems and Chief Financial Officer for the Biosphere Foundation (BF). Assisted in the overall design and managed the life systems for the Laboratory Biosphere experiments (2001 – 2005) in Santa Fe New Mexico.
- 1996 2006 Project Director, Tropic Ventures Rainforest Enrichment Project at Las Casas de la Selva, Puerto Rico. Responsible for the overall management of a 1,000-acre sustainable forestry project. Including: Principle Investigator for research programs, hosting and leading teams of volunteers and researchers under the sponsorship of Earthwatch Foundation. Leading teenage volunteer teams on summer work programs. Coordinating tree harvesting and planting. Coordinating site and road maintenance and construction projects.
- 1993 1994 Director of Agriculture and Food Systems, Space Biospheres Ventures. Mission supervisor. Responsible for training of the operating crew for Mission 2. Space Biospheres Ventures.
- 1991 1993 Co-Captain, Biosphere 2 Crew: Manager of Agriculture and Food Systems. Responsible for the daily co-ordination of crew task inside Biosphere 2 during its first two year closure as a totally sealed, self sustaining life system. Responsible for overall management of the agriculture system that supplied the food for the crew of eight people & farm animals over the two-year period.
- 1987- 1991 Administrator, Architectural Division, Space Biospheres Ventures. responsible for management and coordination of architectural division operations, financial administration and cost control for Biosphere 2, a three-acre materially closed ecological system containing rainforest, Savannah, marsh, marine, intensive agriculture and human habitat biomes.
- 1985 1991 Candidate for Biospherian Resident Research Team and participant in the Biospherian Training Program, including biome collection expeditions and participation in a marine expedition.

- 1990 Research operator for five-day completely closed system experiment in the Biosphere 2 Test Module.
- 1984 1985 Director of Research Applications, Tropic Ventures and Institute of Ecotechnics, Las Casas Project, Puerto Rico. Responsible for the establishment, development, and ongoing management of the research information department of a tropical ecological research center focusing on identification of commercially valuable tropical plant crops and development of integrated systems incorporating economic production in tropical rainforests; species selection and collection for Biosphere 2.
- 1983 1984 Administrative Officer, Institute of Ecotechnics, London. Responsible for coordination of communications and international programs.
- 1982 1983 Manager, Scarborough House Hostel, London, responsible for staff management, documentation, program development and implementation for a community based residential project to reintegrate mentally handicapped adults into the local community.
- 1979 1981 Development Officer, Service Civil International, Bihar, India, responsible for documentation and implementation of drought relief and agricultural systems program for a desertified tropical area, including orchard and garden plantations, nutrition, irrigation, drinking water systems and sanitation programs, seed banks and crop storage facilities.
- 1973 1974 Field Assistant, S.O.S. Children's Village, Kenya, responsible to assist manager in record keeping and administration of village facilities for 150 orphaned children, organized recreational programs and assisted in employment and training of house mothers.

## **EDUCATION**

1974 - 1978 Bachelor of Arts with Honors, Applied Social Studies, Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield, England.

## PUBLICATIONS

- William F. Dempster, J.P. Allen, A. Alling, M. Nelson, S. Silverstone, M. Van Thillo. 2005. Atmospheric dynamics in the Laboratory Biosphere with wheat and sweet potato crops. Advances in Space Research. 2005; 35 (9):1552-6.
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- Nelson, M., W. Dempster, A. Alling, J.P. Allen, R. Rasmussen, S. Silverstone and M. Van Thillo.2003. *Initial experimental results from the Laboratory Biosphere closed ecological system facility*, Adv. Space Res. 31(7):1721-1730, 2003.
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- Salisbury, F.B., W.F. Dempster, J.P. Allen, A. Alling, D. Bubenheim, M. Nelson, and S. Silverstone. 2002. Light, Plants, and Power for Life Support on Mars. Life Support and Biosphere Science. Vol. 8, pp. 161-172.
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- Silverstone, S., 1997. Food production and nutrition for the crew during the first 2-year closure of Biosphere 2. *Life Support and Biosphere Science*. Vol.4 pp.167-178.
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- Alling, A., M. Nelson, and S. Silverstone. 1993 Life Under Glass: The Inside Story of Biosphere 2. Synergetic Press, Santa Fe, NM.

- Nelson M., S. Silverstone, and J. Poynter. 1993. Biosphere 2 Agriculture: Test Bed for Intensive, Sustainable, Non-polluting Farming Systems. *Outlook on Agriculture* 22(3): 167-174.
- Silverstone, S. 1993. Eating in: From the Field to the Kitchen in Biosphere 2. Synergetic Press, Santa Fe, NM.
- W. Dempster, N. Alvarez-Romo, G. Hudman, T. MacCallum, S. Silverstone, M. Nelson, A. Alling. From Theory to Practice: The Initial Two-Year Closure of Biosphere 2. In P.J. Boston, ed. Proceedings of the Case For Mars V Conference, AAS Science and Technology Series 1996

## PRESENTATIONS

"Enriching a Rainforest," EcoVersity lecture series, Santa Fe, NM 2001

"Sustainable Agriculture – Feeding Eight People on a Half Acre", EcoVersity lecture series, Santa Fe, NM 2001.

"What's for Dinner on Mars", Mars Society Conference, Boulder, Colorado 1999.

Spaceship Earth Workshop (4th - 8th Grade) A three session workshop in which the students design their own Biosphere on Mars. Bonsall Middle School, Bonsall, CA 1997.

"The Anthropogenic Biomes: The Role and impact of Man-Made Ecoregions of the Biosphere". Seminar presented to the Department of Liberal and Interdisciplinary Studies U.S. International University. 1998

"Biosphere 2: Total Systems Management," lecture at the Professional Women in Architecture and Engineering Association, 1990.

"Biosphere 2: Life Habitats for Earth and Space", lecture at the Science Teachers Conference, Eastern Washington University, Spokane, Washington, 1989