

Sara Wilkinson-Lamb

- Education: B.S., History. Utah State University, Utah.
MA., World History, Norwich University, Vermont.
- Current employment: Instructor 6th-grade Science
George Washington Academy in St. George, Utah.
Responsibilities: Prepare all class materials for and teach general science to all the sixth grade students.
- Prior employment: Adult education supervisor,
Daggett County Jail, Manila, Utah.
In this capacity, I helped inmates obtain their General Education Diploma (equivalent to High School Graduation, something that many of the inmates lacked). In addition, I supervised those engaged in data extraction from floras and herbarium specimens for the intermountain Herbarium of Utah State University. I also initiated several other educational activities for the inmates (see "Outreach Projects").
- Service activities: Advisory Board Member, [PrisonEd Foundation](#) which offers non-credit job-prep and college-prep correspondence courses to Utah prisoners.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 2014 Botany Conference, Boise, ID. (July 2014). *Digitization, Inmates, and Beyond*.
<http://www.2014.botanyconference.org/engine/search/index.php?func=detail&aid=271>
- 2015 Botany Conference, Edmonton, Canada. (July 2015). *Specimens and Inmates: A Synergy That Benefits Many*.
<http://2015.botanyconference.org/engine/search/index.php?func=detail&aid=706>
- 2016 Botany Conference, Savannah, Georgia. (July 2016). *Digitization Synchronization*.
<http://2016.botanyconference.org/engine/search/index.php?func=detail&aid=873>
- 2018 Botany Conference, Rochester, Minnesota. (July 2018). *"The Flora of Pakistan – with Benefits"*.

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

- Lee Y., Law, L., Bosshardt, S. & **Wilkinson-Lamb**, S. (2014). The structure of debt and assets among low income near-retirees: Implication for financial educators. *Proceedings of the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education Annual Conference*, 59. <http://www.afcpe.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/2014-AFCPE-Symposium-Proceedings.pdf>
- Ellis M.E., Wolf P. G., Bardot S., Walton J.A., Rowe C.A., Kulpa S., Mock K.E. (2015). *Further examination of the geographic range of Eriogonum corymbosum var. nilesii (Polygonaceae, Eriogoneae)*. *Phytotaxa*, 279.
<http://mapress.com/phytotaxa/content/2015/f/pt00203p286.pdf>.

ARTICLES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Radio program:

- Utah Public Radio. Utah State University. (2013) *Plants in Prison*. <http://upr.org/post/plants-prison-and-racing-access-utah-friday>.

Utah Public Radio blog. (2013). <http://upr.org/post/usu-alum-gives-inmates-opportunity-assist-university-research>.

Utah State Today – University News. (2013). *Utah's Intermountain Herbarium Benefits from Unique Partnership*. <http://www.usu.edu/ust/index.cfm?article=52137>.

Herald Journal News. (2013). *Jail inmates help catalog new collections for USU's Intermountain Herbarium*. http://news.hjnews.com/allaccess/jail-inmates-help-catalogue-new-collection-for-usu-s-intermountain/article_03421566-9287-11e2-a6aa-0019bb2963f4.html

OUTREACH PROJECTS

Inmate database project: In collaboration with Utah State University, Ms. Lamb supervised inmates as they entered plant specimen information into a computer database. This teaches them keyboard and database skills which may be utilized for employment upon their release from prison. <http://herbarium.usu.edu/>.

Continuing Education: Statistics demonstrate the United States leads the world in incarceration rates, with further demonstration that Utah boasts a high recidivism rate of over 80%. Research shows education is the key in reversing recidivism. Therefore, while employed by the Daggett County Jail, I have developed a Continuing Education program which allows prisoners to take college-level courses from the Great Courses Company. This also entailed developing additional curricula for these courses, such as adding supplementary reading and/or viewing material, creating summative and formative assessments, essay topics, and projects unique to each course. I worked with the PrisonEd foundation on developing correspondence courses for inmates in US jails in areas such as Vocabulary Skills, Financial Literacy, Everyday Math, and Mentors In Prison, a motivational course. Additionally, I developed a social program of monthly presentations, workshops, and discussions presented by experts whose backgrounds cover a wide field of interest. Finally, I succeeded in obtaining funds to build a greenhouse at the Daggett County Jail. This structure gave inmates an opportunity to learn how to grow seedlings and handle living plants, skills that would might be marketable skills once they were released.

GRANTS

Soil Conservation Grant: 2014 (\$1000), 2015 (\$1000).

Private donations for greenhouse: 2014 (\$2000), 2015 (\$1000).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Fern Society (AFS), Botanical Society of America (BSA), The Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections (SPNHC), American Association of University Women (AAUW), and the Human Rights Campaign (HRC).

SUMMARY

I am passionate about education and its power to help people improve their lives and have extensive experience in both traditional and non-traditional learning environments.