

# Aaron Longa

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**Education** University of California, Santa Cruz **Expected March 2015**  
*Bachelors of Arts in Business Management Economics* 3.33 Cumulative GPA

## **Memberships and Community Activities**

**Fruit Orchard** Portola Valley *Fruit Picker* 2000-current

- Determined when each variety of fruit was ready to be harvested
- Picking various fruit-- granny smiths, fuji apples, asain pear, pears, figs, plums, and persimmons
- Lifting at least 50 pound boxes of fruits
- Delivering fruit to various people
- Learned how to handle different types of fruit with little to no bruising

**Program in Community and Agroecology, UCSC** *Co-op Gardener/ Participant* Sept. 2012- current

- Hand weeded, propogated, planted, picked, mulched, composted, and double dug beds in The Fountation Roots Garden
- Learned about the local produce
- Participated in building the community for PICA last school year
- Trained the pome annuals in the Foundational Roots Garden

## **Work Experience**

**Pie Ranch, Santa Cruz, CA** *Farm Crew Summer Intern* June 2014-Aug. 2014

- Maintained field sized beds of organic: Raspberries, Blackberries, Golden berries, pome fruits, stone fruits, brassicas, leafy greens, and root vegetables
- Harvested: beans, strawberries, summer squash, kale, chard, broccoli, cauliflower, potatoes, raspberries, blackberries, golden berries, plums, apples, carrots, beets, flowers, fava beans, and more
- Basic training on driving a tractor and tractor safety
- Basic training on crop and yearly budgeting planning
- Feed, cleaned up after, and took care of goats, chickens, cows, and pigs

**Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems & Chadwick Garden, Santa Cruz, CA** Jan. 2014-Current

*Field Work Intern & Volunteer*

- Learned these skills to maintain a sustainable garden & farm beds
- Pruning and training pome fruits, planting and grafting fruit trees, cover cropping, winter & fall bed management, creating propagation soil mixes, building a compost pile
- Prepped and planted out on garden and field size beds for strawberries, lettuce, potatoes, kale, and fava beans
- Harvested basil, peppers, apples, citruses, pome fruits, and lettuce
- Put in data sensor technology into field sized bed to track key soil elements
- Created biodiverse, nutrient rich, organic soil to grow various annuals and perennials

## **Related Knowledge and Skills**

- Accomplished in public speaking including persuasive, demonstration, and informative speeches
- Proficient in Microsoft office suite
- Fluent in conversational Spanish
- Management and group leadership skills for most types of personalities
- Taking economic and math classes the complete duration of UCSC career
- Valid Drivers License & access to my own vehicle
- Highly organized, manages my time efficiently, detail orientation on all tasks, and follow through on projects