## **AMY VAN SCOIK**

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#### **Profile**

Background in organic agriculture, education, community development, and fundraising. Experience organizing events and facilitating meetings, workshops, and conferences. Experience working with growers, certifying and regulatory agencies, and collaborating with diverse stakeholders in the community.

### **Experience**

### Co-Owner, Frog Song Organics, LLC; Hawthorne, FL - 2011- Present

Financial oversight and administration of a 60 acre, certified organic farming operation. Responsible for managing administrative and sales staff; maintaining farmers market and restaurant sales in multiple cities. Increased farm gross revenue from \$100K to \$600K+ in six years and grew farm from six to sixty acres. Development of recipes and labeling for value-added products, coordination of bi-annual farm tours and farm-to-table dinners.

## Co-Director & Secretary, Free Mulch, Inc; Gainesville, FL - 2016-Present

Volunteer position working to develop a not for profit farm incubator in partnership with local farms and organizations.

# Development Assistant, Organic Farming Research Foundation Santa Cruz, CA — 2007-2009

Supported fundraising efforts, maintained donor relationships and coordinated semi-annual fundraising events with 100-400+ attendees in San Francisco and Anaheim, CA.

# Cadre Member, Building Local Agricultural Systems Today (BLAST) The Food Project, Boston, MA, 2006-2007

Attending and presenting at the Community Food Security Coalition Conference in Vancouver. Leadership, communication, food sovereignty and diversity training.

### Graduate Student Positions held in California — 2005-2007

- Teaching Assistant for Nature & Culture general education course, U.C. Davis
- Farm to School Intern, Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF)
- Farm to School Intern. University of California Cooperative Extension
- Wage & Benefit Survey Researcher, California Institute for Rural Studies
- Action Research Team Facilitator, Education for Sustainable Living Program, U.C. Davis
- Graduate Student Researcher, 4-H Center for Youth Development, U.C. Davis

### Vice President, Organic Prospects, LLC; Gainesville, FL − 2003-2005

Production of three acres of certified organic mixed vegetables. Coordinated CSA, farmers market and restaurant sales. Provided organic certification assistance to growers and processors in the Southeast.

#### Education

M.S. Community Development, UC Davis, 2007 B.S. Plant Science, University of Florida, 2004

### **Skills**

Event coordination, meeting facilitation, marketing, blog and website content development, social media, CRM and database skills. Proficient in Spanish.

### **Volunteer Experience**

Served on the Board of Directors for the Homeless Garden Project, Santa Cruz, CA and Citizens Co-op, Gainesville, FL. Served as President of the Agronomy and Soils Club at the University of Florida, organizing fundraising and national travel for the group to the American Society of Agronomy/TriSocieties meetings; organized community garden service projects.