

# OLIVIA ERSKINE

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## EDUCATION

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- Master of Agricultural and Environmental Education** May 2024  
*University of Georgia*  
Athens, Georgia
- Bachelor of Science in Environmental and Natural Resources** May 2020  
*Clemson University*  
Clemson, South Carolina

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- Graduate Assistant** August 2022 — May 2024  
University of Georgia - Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication
- Agricultural and environmental science communication focus
  - Research areas include climate adaptation, community gardens, water conservation, environmental sustainability, and environmental justice, education, and communication
  - Mixed-methods research under the direction of Dr. Alexa Lamm
- Student Researcher** 2020  
Clemson University - Department of Biological Sciences
- Researched comparative musculoskeletal biomechanics in Stinkpot Turtles and American Alligators
  - Read and discussed scientific research literature, managed data, and analyzed statistics
  - Performed weekly animal care for 11 turtles and 8 alligators
- Student Researcher** 2019  
Clemson University - Clemson Extension
- Conducted urban farming research to support food insecure areas and contribute to sustainable produce options
  - Developed financial plans for the cost of building an urban farm with an aquaponic system
  - Constructed an aquaponic system model for an educational trailer taken to the South Carolina State Fair

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- Office Manager, 1 Tom Plumber** June 2021 — July 2022  
Greenville, South Carolina
- Manage schedules of plumbers, send invoices, receive payments, balance bank accounts, and run payroll. Create email ad campaigns. Answer phone calls and emails, lead meetings, train new employees, and assist in opening new branches. This position was a promotion from sister company, *Premier Restoration*.
- Project Coordinator, Premier Restoration** Sept 2020 – June 2021  
Greenville, South Carolina
- Coordinate restoration projects for 5 project managers. Schedule

inspections, write estimates, send work orders, create reports, recruit subcontractors, update all parties each day (insurance adjusters and agents, homeowners, and third party administrators).

**Executive Assistant, *The Electric City News***  
Anderson, South Carolina

Sept 2018 – Sept 2020

- Manage accounting for three publications. Send invoices, record payments, and balance accounts. Assist in distribution of publications, style photoshoots, and create social media content.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

**Erskine, O. M.**, Lamm, A. J., Sanders, C. E., & Lamm, K. W. (2024). Exploring community garden coordinators' perceptions of climate-smart adaptations to support local food systems. *Horticulturae*, *10*(6), 601. <https://doi.org/10.3390/horticulturae10060601>

**Erskine, O. M.**, Gibson, K. E., Lamm, A. J., & Holt, J. (2023). Encouraging water protection through donation: Examining the effects of intention to engage in personal water conservation behaviors on donation behaviors. *Water*, *15*(13), 2365. <https://doi.org/10.3390/w15132365>

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

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- **Erskine, O. M.**, Lamm, A. J., Lamm, K. W., Sanders, C. E., & Gibson, K. E. (February 2024). *Public engagement in community gardens: Communicating to prepare for climate change impacts on gardens*. Paper presented at the National Agricultural Communications Symposium. Atlanta, GA.
- **Erskine, O. M.**, Lamm, A. J., Gibson, K. E., White, S. A., Owen Jr., J. S., & Altland, J. E. (February 2024). *Exploring specialty crop producers' perceptions of water usage and environmental contaminants to inform effective water management communication*. Paper presented at the Southern Region American Society for Horticultural Science. Atlanta, GA.
- **Erskine, O. M.**, Gibson, K. E., & Lamm, A. J. (June, 2023). *Contributing to a greater cause: Does personal engagement in water conservation behavior matter?* Abstract presented at the International Association for Society and Natural Resources Conference. Portland, ME.
- Gibson, K. E., **Erskine, O. M.**, Sanders, C. E., & Lamm, A. J. (June, 2023). *Overcoming barriers to food access in rural areas through agro-ecosystems*. Abstract presented at the International Association for Society and Natural Resources Conference. Portland, Maine.
- Oyugi, M. A., Byrd, A. R., Markosyan, T., **Erskine, O. M.**, Lamm, A. J., Lamm, K. W. (June 2023). *Examining gender differentials in green consumption values of young consumers to inform pro environmental science communication*. Research poster presentation at 2023 Association for Communication Excellence Conference: Asheville, NC.
- Markosyan, T., Byrd, A. R., **Erskine, O. M.**, Oyugi, M., Lamm, A. J., Foxe, J. & Litzler, E. (June 2023). *Data visualization's hidden power to communicate impact evaluation results*. Innovative idea poster presentation at 2023 Association for Communication Excellence Conference: Asheville, NC.
- **Erskine, O. M.**, Gibson, K. E., & Lamm, A. J. (February 2023). *Encouraging water protection through donation: Water conservation donation behaviors in relation to specialty license plates*. Poster presented at the National Agricultural Communications Symposium. Oklahoma City, OK.
- Greenslit, N. W., **Erskine, O. M.**, Iijima, M., Blob, R. W., Palecek, A. W. (January 2021). *Acrobatic archosaurs: Kinematic comparisons of climbing behaviors in turtles and alligators*. Oral presentation presented at the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Symposium.

## **LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE**

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### **Scientific Research and Education Network (SciREN) Georgia**

- Leadership Team, August 2022 – May 2023
- SciREN is a graduate student-led organization that connects researchers with local educators to provide STEM lesson plans based on current graduate research.

### **University of Georgia Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication – Graduate Student Association**

- Treasurer, August 2022 – May 2023

## **SKILLS**

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- SPSS
- R Studio
- MAXQDA
- Qualtrics
- Canva
- Microsoft Office
- Google applications
- Social media
- WordPress