

An interview with ANSC Major Mary Miyagawa regarding her Beardsley Zoo Internship

(Connecticut, Spring 2012)



Q: Where did you intern, and when?

Beardsley Zoo Spring 2012

Q: Was it a paid internship? What did you do there?

Unpaid internship working in the Predator section of the zoo with tigers, lynx, an otter, a bear, bald eagles, the aviary, and cranes.

Q: When did you apply for this internship?

Fall 2010.

Q: How long did the internship last?

The entire spring semester, once a week for 9 hours.

Q: How did you learn about this opportunity?

Dr. Govoni's seminar class

Q: Anything else you'd like to add about your experience?

I absolutely loved working at the zoo. The staff is very welcoming and helpful. They teach so much more than you would learn in just the classroom. In addition to your responsibilities in your chosen area of the zoo, they often ask for help in other areas of the zoo so you get to diversify.

Q: What is your area of interest as an ANSC major?

Wildlife conservation, specifically big cats.

Q: So, what are your plans when you graduate?

Either go to graduate school for a masters in wildlife conservation, or take a few years off and work in conservation globally.

Q: If someone has questions, can they contact you regarding your internship experience?

Yes, definitely! Mary.Miyagawa@uconn.edu

