



"Elli doesn't just take people beyond their comfort zone, she leads them to places they didn't even know existed." Kimberly Sasser, Chesterfield Co Parks & Rec.

WORK EXPERIENCE, chronologically

**Work history includes
contract, grant recipient, part-time, self-employed, & volunteer**

2019

Elli Morris, MS, VA, 2018-Present

Presenter and Facilitator, Topics include 3 months in the American West & Nature as a two-way street.

Twende Maasai, Tanzania, 2019

Program Developer and Marketing Consultant

2018

Elli Morris stills & motion, Richmond, VA, 2005-2018

Independent professional photographer & filmmaker. Film Awards include Runner Up & Third-place winner at Richmond Environmental Film Festival, Official Selection at numerous festivals.

Chesterfield County (VA) Outdoor Adventure Programs, 2006-2018

Instructor/Leader/Facilitator/Program Developer. Programs include whitewater kayaking, eco tours, backcountry hiking, challenge course, rock climbing. Mentor for new staff.

Pocahontas State Park, Rockwood Nature Center, Richmond, VA 2009-2018

Designed & taught nature photography workshops for teens & adults.

Southern Funeral Directory, 2009-2018

Assistant Editor and monthly columnist

Dogtown Dance Theatre, 2011-2018

Mardi Gras RVA. Event creator and artistic director of Mardi Gras RVA! an annual signature event featuring a neighborhood parade followed by indoor performances highlighting the Theatre's plethora of dance talent interspersed with crowd participation

Claves Unidos Community Dance Class, Richmond, VA, 2012-2018

Performances at Que Pasa Festival, Hispanic Cultural Celebration, The Valentine Museum, & Cardinal in the Snow among others.

Sportable, thru Chesterfield Outdoor Programs, 2013-2018

Assist with pool training & outdoor kayak programs for disabled & visually impaired athletes.

Toastmasters International, Richmond, VA 2016-2018

Speech topics include forests as business role models, concepts of circular economy, & nature as emotional healer; Attained Competent Communicator designation; Won District 1st, Area 2nd, Club Divisions 1st at Toastmasters International Speech Contest competitions.

PBS Community Idea Stations, Richmond, VA, 2018

Editor, videographer for television, web, & radio program *Science Matters Because*

United States Forest Service, Sawtooth Wilderness, ID, 2018

Volunteer on trail maintenance crew

Pacific Crest Trail Association, Mt Hood, OR, 2018

Volunteer on trail maintenance crew

American Hiking Society, Trinidad, CA, 2018

Volunteer on trail maintenance crew

SOLO, Richmond, VA, 2018

Wilderness First Aid Certification

Leave No Trace, Shenandoah National Park, VA, 2018

Trainer Course Certification

-Traveled for 3 months thru American West, including Alaska

2017

American Canoe Association, Richmond, VA, 2017

Certified as ACA Level 4 whitewater kayak instructor

Toastmasters International, Richmond, VA, 2017

Won District 1st, Area 2nd, Club Divisions 1st at Toastmasters International Table Topics competitions.

ASMP (American Society of Media Photographers), Central VA Board Member, 2015-2017

Dominion Riverrock SUP Cross, Richmond, VA, 2017

Stand Up Paddleboard Placed 2nd

-Traveled to Iceland

2016

Richmond Outside, Richmond, VA, 2015-2016

Featured Contributor with articles & videos sharing what's happening on the James River

Elli Morris stills & motion, Richmond, VA, 2016

#TreeADay #Photo, a year of daily Twitter posts connected trees to clean air & water.

James River Leadership Academy Program, Richmond, VA, 2016

Professional Mentor based on "Elli's immense contributions to the art & environmental communities in Virginia (JRA)."

CultureWorks Micro Grant, Richmond, VA, 2016

"Drains to the James" public art project connecting Arts & Culture District to the James River.

Dominion Riverrock SUP Cross, Richmond, VA, 2016

Stand Up Paddleboard Placed 3rd.

-7000 Car Miles, annual challenge with monthly social media updates

2015

James River Association, Richmond, VA, 2014-2015

Producer, videographer, & editor of documentary “*The Great Return of the Atlantic Sturgeon*”

Active RVA, Richmond, VA, 2015

Monthly video series promoted alternative exercises.

-Traveled to Morocco

2014

Public Schools, Community Centers, MS, SC, VA, 2007-2014

Developed multimedia presentations that connected biology lessons to near-by nature.

The Giving Heart, 2008-2010, 2014.

Photographed non-profit citywide annual Community Thanksgiving Fest.

Banff Mountain Film Festival, 2014

Scholarship attendee at Adventure Filmmaker’s Workshop

2013

Films on the Floodwall Pioneer, 2013

Premiered my 1st film, *Affair with the James*, with over 300 participants. Success of this event lead to area nonprofits to create the annual event “Films on the Floodwall,” which showcases locally produced photography & films celebrating the James River.

2012

Chesterfield Observer, 2005-2012

Photographer and Contributing Columnist for weekly county newspaper

Robinson Theatre Community Center, 2011-2012

Designed & taught photography classes to inner city youth

2010

Refrigeration Magazine, 2006-2010

Monthly columnist

Save Chesterfield (VA) Outdoors, 2010

Spearheaded tri-county campaign that saved Chesterfield County (VA) Outdoor Adventure Programs, reversing 100% budget cut to 3%.

YMCA

Afterschool tutoring

2008

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Richmond, VA, 2006-2008

Curriculum developer/instructor for inner-city elementary botanical outreach program.

Cooling the South: The Block Ice Era, 1875-1975, 2003-2008

Author, researcher, photographer, publisher, presenter, marketing director, media contact & television & radio guest of international award-winning seminal history book. Four-month book tour throughout South & mid-Atlantic giving over 120 speeches as keynote speaker for regional conferences to library talks.

2007

MS Educational Television, PBS, 2007

TV segment producer

2005

Fish House, Mexico Beach, FL, 2004-2005

Waitress

-Independent photographer

2003

Virginia Commonwealth University, 2003-2005

Art class model

Richmond Ballet, 2004-2005

Receptionist

-Fine Art Photographer

2001

MS Educational Television, PBS, Jackson, MS 2000-2001

On-location television audio tech for award-winning *Mississippi Roads and Mississippi Outdoors*; Segment Producer for *Mississippi Roads*

Southern Lights Photography Studio, New Orleans, LA, 2000-2001

Photography studio manager

-Fine Art Photographer

-Traveled to Cuba

2000

Photography assistant for numerous photographers, New York City, 1999-2000

1999

Elli Morris, Jackson, MS, 1994-1999

Multi-media Presenter of environmental programs and Outdoor Guide at public schools

Gallery Kirkpatrick Wildlife Photography, Jackson, MS, 1997-1999

Photography studio manager

1998

Keep Jackson Beautiful Program, Jackson, MS, 1994-1998

Grant writer, tree data collector, & presenter

Gallery 108, Jackson, MS, 1997-1998

Art gallery director

MS Educational Television, PBS, Jackson, MS, 1996-1998

Green room hostess, legislative liaison, phone screener

-Music promotional materials salesperson, various bands, 1996-1998

1996

Elderhostel Program, Canton, MS, 1995-1996

Art school coordinator

-Office Temp, 1995-1996

-Media Escort

-Fine Art Photographer

1994

University of Nevada, Reno, 1992-1994

Non-degree Graduate Student in Photography

PJ's, Reno, NV, 1993-1994

Waitress

1991

Yerkes Research Center, Belize, 1991

Expedition photographer for scientific team that studied Howler & Spider monkeys in Bladen Nature Reserve, Belize.

South Carolina Dept of Natural Resources, Hilton Head Island, SC 1991

Loggerhead Turtle beach and nest patroller

-Waitress

1990

-Ski Lift Operator, Lake Tahoe, CA

-Waitress/Bartender, Lake Tahoe, CA

-Recycling coordinator, Lake Tahoe, CA

1989

-Waitress, Atlanta, GA, 1988-1989

1987

Bogong Horseback Adventures, Australia, 1987

Co-lead trips in Alpine National Park, Mt Beauty, Victoria.

-Traveled throughout Oceania for one year

1986

-Bartender, Hilton Head Is, SC

1985

-Traveled throughout Europe, 1984-1985

-Waitress, Jackson, MS

1984

-Waitress, Aspen Colorado, 1983-1984

-Hitchhiked through 18 islands in the Caribbean, 1984

1983

People's Republic of China, 1983

One of 16 students invited on the first agricultural tour of China

University of Kentucky, 1979-1983

Bachelors of Science in Forestry, Lexington, KY

-Shoe salesperson, Aspen, CO

-Window clothing model, Aspen, CO

1979

-Myers Park High School, 1976-1979

-Traveled with a small tour group thru American West, 1979

-Sailing trip around Vancouver Island, British Columbia, 1979