Summer 2019 Internship at Paradise Creek Nature Park
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Duties at Paradise Creek Nature Park

- Invasive species mitigation
- Native plant cultivation
- Park maintenance coordination
- Public outreach: RiverFest, Youth Career Fair
- Supervised community volunteers
- Youth Conservation Intern supervision and mentoring
  - Plant of the Week: Taught common native and invasive species
  - Leave No Trace: Developed, instructed curriculum focused on 7 principles

Epistemic Injustice Findings

- Limits access to knowledge by underserved populations
- Exacerbates effects on environment, underserved communities
- Unknown state of schools’ environmental education programs
- Lack of research on epistemic justice in US
- Low-income communities may become more distanced from public discourse and participation
- Case study teaching is a low-resource option
- Legislative support, curriculum reporting, teacher engagement critically needed