

MICHELLE ELDER, MPH

BALANCING RIGOR & REALITY TO GET THINGS DONE

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SUMMARY

Resourceful, systems-minded professional with 20+ years of experience translating complexity into clear, workable solutions. Moves fluidly between big-picture thinking and the practical realities of getting meaningful work done.

TECHNOLOGY

- Productivity: Microsoft Office, Google Workspace
- Spreadsheets & databases: Excel, Google Sheets, Google Forms, SPSS & more
- Collaboration: Zoom, Slack, Band, Teams
- Other: QuickBooks Online, Canva, ArcGIS (basic)

PROFESSIONAL TOOLKIT

Translating Complexity into Action: Creates intuitive systems that translate ambitious ideas into clear next steps. Particularly enjoys solving problems that live at the intersection of people, processes, and implementation.

Bringing People Together: Builds collaborative relationships across disciplines, organizations, and perspectives to move the work forward. Skilled at facilitating conversations, navigating differing priorities, and finding the most satisfying paths forward.

Turning Information into Understanding: Synthesizes complex information and tailors communications for diverse audiences via technical reports, grant proposals, presentations, educational materials, meeting facilitation, and actionable guidance.

Keeping the Pieces Moving: Coordinates logistics, scheduling, documentation, compliance, financial administration, and day-to-day operations. Comfortable stepping into unfamiliar environments, learning quickly, and cheerfully contributing wherever needed.

Learning, Improving & Adapting: Thoughtfully uses data to evaluate and strengthen programs for continuous improvement and better outcomes. Notices inefficiencies and enjoys coming up with realistic solutions to make work easier and more sustainable.

EDUCATION

Masters of Public Health

*Health Promotion &
Behavioral Sciences*
San Diego State University
2008

Bachelors of Science

*International Agricultural
Development: Rural
Communities*
University of California, Davis
2000

LANGUAGE S

- English (fluent)
- Spanish (proficient)

Working Across Disciplines & Contexts: Experience spans public health, food systems, agriculture, education, military healthcare, accounting, nonprofit administration, and three continents. Brings curiosity rather than assumptions, and enjoys discovering how things fit together.

WORK HISTORY

Consultant (self-employed) | Elder in the Woods LLC | 2024 - Present | Lebanon, OR

SNAP-Ed Program Outcomes Coordinator | Oregon State University | 2015 - 2020 | Corvallis, OR

Small Farmer (self-employed) | DoLittle Pastures LLC | 2015 - 2020 | Lebanon, OR

Community Gardens Coordinator | International Rescue Committee | 2014 - 2015 | San Diego, CA

DVBIC Regional Education Coordinator → Education Special Projects Consultant

Henry M. Jackson Foundation | 2009 - 2014 | San Diego, CA & Remote (UK & CA)

Program Manager, Naval Special Warfare Family Resiliency Enterprise

Center for Military Relationships & Families | 2008 - 2009 | Coronado, CA

Research Assistant (2001 - 2002) → Research Associate (2004 - 2008)

Harder + Company Community Research | San Francisco, Davis & San Diego, CA

Research Associate | Zetetic Associates | 2002 - 2004 | San Diego, CA

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Member & Former Board Treasurer | Lebanon Gleaners | 2024 - Present | Lebanon, OR

Treasurer | Scout Troop 9051 | 2024 - Present | Lebanon, OR

Home Educator | The Ash House | 2020 - Present | Lebanon, OR

Peer Mentor | Hand in Hand Farm, Inc. | 2021 - 2024 | Lebanon, OR

Creatrix | Wildcrafting on Crabtree Creek | 2018 - 2020 | Lebanon, OR

Lacomb School Tasting Table Volunteer | Samaritan Health Services | 2018 - 2020 | Lebanon, OR

Clinical Support & Former Board Member | Shakti Rising | 2007 - 2015 | San Diego, CA

Military Spouse | US Navy | 2001 - 2013 | San Diego, CA & Suffolk, UK

CERTIFICATE S

Accounting Clerk Certificate | Linn-Benton Community College | 2025

QuickBooks Certified User | Intuit | 2025

Youth Mental Health First Aid | National Council for Mental Wellbeing | 2024