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## **Employment History**

### **TDI-Brooks International, Inc.**, College Station, TX. 10/96-Present

Winch Operator/Chief Officer/Captain. Duties: Research Vessel Captain 11/08 to present. Ship's Chief Officer 1/00 to 11/08. Overseeing deck crew as winch operator during offshore piston coring operations, heat flow studies, hazard surveys and various types of environmental surveys 10/96 to 1/00..

### **Rustex Inc.**, Bryan, TX. 8/92-8/96

Skilled Labor. Duties: Skilled labor concerned with construction of natural gas processing plants as well as plant modification and maintenance. Pipeline compressor station construction.

### **Moore Petroleum, Inc.**, Kurten, TX. 5/92-8/92

Floor Hand. Duties: Floor hand on workover rig.

### **Geochemical and Environmental Research Group**, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. 6/88-12/91

Ordinary Seaman. Duties: Worked as winch operator, deck hand and lab technician during offshore piston coring operations.

### **Bandera Construction**, College Station, TX. 12/87-4/92

Owner/Operator. Subcontracted remodeling and construction jobs.

### **Oil Well Production Enhancing Chemicals, Inc. (OWPEC)**, College Station, TX. 9/87-11/87

Lab Assistant. Duties: Laboratory research and development of oil well paraffin solvent.

### **Steak and Ale Restaurant**, Bryan, TX. 11/84-10/87

Bartender while attending Texas A & M University.

### **Shell Oil Company**, Houston, TX. 4/80-8/82

Geophysical Technician. Duties: Worked under interpretive geologists and geophysicists. Organized and filed newly purchased seismic data; demultiplexed raw field data; performed time-to-depth conversions using existing programs and sonic logs; performed processing procedures including migration, filter application, stacking, velocity analysis, deconvolution, palinspastic reconstruction, etc.; prepared geologic cross sections.

### **GCO Drilling Co.**, Abilene, TX. 5/79-9/79

Floor hand. Duties: Worked on rotary drilling rigs in West Texas and Wyoming.

## **Training and Qualifications**

Medical Care Provider – April, 2011

Bridge Resource Management – March, 2011

Celestial Navigation – February, 2011

EPA NPDES VGP Training – May, 2010

Advanced Marine Firefighting – April, 2010

VSO / CSO – August, 2009

Radar Observer – Unlimited, October, 2009.

U.S.C.G. – 200 ton Masters License, June 2007.

FCC GMDSS Radio Operator's License, January 2005

STCW Training, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, Texas A&M University System, August 2001.

U.S.C.G. – 100 ton Masters License, July 2001.

U.S.C.G. – Merchant Mariners Document, Unlimited Able Seaman, December 2001.

Basic Offshore Survival and Emergency Training, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service , Texas A&M University System, March 1997.

40-hour HAZWOPER for Clean-up Course, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, Texas A&M University System, August 1995.

## **Education**

**Texas A&M University**, College Station, TX, 9/82-12/86  
115 hrs. Petroleum Engineering

**Texas Tech University**, Lubbock, TX, 9/74-5/79  
90 hrs. Journalism