

SYLVIA GOLDMAN

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Education

Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY Expected Graduation: May 2026
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology; Minor in Arts Administration Overall GPA: 3.43
Study Abroad: IES Amsterdam - Social Sciences & Humanities Spring 2025
Relevant Coursework: Philanthropy in the Arts, Financial Management for the Arts, The Artist-Centered Approach, Social Inequality, Families in the U.S., Urban Sociology, Environmental Education, Children's Literature

Educational Experience

Managing Arts in Rural Areas: independent study, Skidmore College Spring 2024

- Analyzed rural arts organizations, their context, and leadership through research and interviews
- Developed strategic planning and problem-solving skills using SWOT analysis to recommend growth strategies
- Enhanced communication skills through active participation, written work, and sharing research

The Alternative Agro-Food Movement in the United States: independent study, Skidmore College Fall 2024

- Read and discussed 5 books to expand and advance knowledge on alternative food systems in the U.S., and created an extensive annotated bibliography on each book
- Researched and wrote a paper titled "The Sociology of Family Dinners: Planning, Shopping, Preparing, and Serving"

Work/Leadership Experience

Service Learning Volunteer, Saratoga Springs, NY Fall 2025

- Girl Scouts of America, Troop 3187: Planned and executed 3 water-themed lessons for 5th-7th graders
- Pitney Meadows Community Farm: "Bulk It Out" community crew Saturdays, root veggie harvest
- Spa State Park Creekside Classroom: Bird identification and counting for Cornell's "Great Backyard Bird Count" study
- Skidmore College Early Childhood Center: 10 hours volunteering in the Pre-K classroom

Skidmania '75 Advisory Committee Member, Arthur Zankel Music Center, Skidmore College October-November 2025

- Helped spread the word, recruit auditionees, and promote an inclusive production
- Assessed audition submissions and constructed a final set list
- Assessed and chose the final marketing artwork
- Attended four 2-3 hour meetings and occasional email consultations

Environmental Educator, Mass Audubon: Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary, Easthampton, MA Summer 2025

- Led full-day hiking and canoe trips for 10-12 and 12-15 year olds
- Planned, prepped, and led lessons based on weekly themes

Environmental Educator, The Hitchcock Center for the Environment, Amherst, MA Summer 2023 & 2024

- Designed and implemented individualized behavior management strategies for diverse student populations
- Planned and led accessible daily lessons for campers
- Enhanced school-home collaboration through proactive communication
- Helped lead new staff orientation in conjunction with Camp Director

Peer Leader, Skidmore College Outdoor Orientation Program Fall 2023, 2024 & 2025

- Led a 3-day backpacking and canoeing trip in the Adirondacks for first-year students
- Facilitated group bonding and community-building activities
- Acted as a mentor for first-year students, both during and after the program

Events and Logistics Coordinator, Skidmore College Ultimate Frisbee Team Fall 2023 - Spring 2024

- Planned and executed a dozen team-wide elaborate events on a budget
- Worked with men's team board counterpart to coordinate social media content, events, and tournament transportation
- Navigated team politics and maintained a professional attitude while working with peers

Bunk Counselor, Ramah in the Rockies, Sedalia, CO Summer 2022

- Lead 10+ campers on two 3-day backpacking trips
- Attended and participated in staff meetings on weekdays
- Planned and led programs each week, centering around one of the camp's core values

Skills/Certifications

Skills: Microsoft Office, Google Suite, Slack, SPSS, WordPress, Canva, Procreate, Goodnotes

Certifications: Aquatic WILD, First Aid and CPR Certified (expires June 2027), ACA Canoe Level 2 Certified, Water Rescue Certified