

## ASSE Member Spotlight – November 2015

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<b>Where do you work?</b>	University of Utah / Lone Peak Conservation Center
<b>How many years in safety &amp; health?</b>	3
<b>Education</b>	MS and PhD (expected 2016) in Mechanical Engineering
<b>Certification (s)</b>	OHC



### **Why did you become a safety professional?**

The second law of thermodynamics states that any system, be it mechanical, biological, or other, has a tendency to move towards a state of chaos. This chaos manifests itself in many ways, one of which is musculoskeletal and cumulative stress trauma injuries in workers. As an engineer, I believe it is my job to reduce this chaos whenever possible, and this is where I feel my skills would be most applicable.

### **What do you like most about your profession?**

I like the interaction with the employees I am protecting and the knowledge that I played a hand in improving their working conditions.

### **What are you most proud of in your career?**

I am still early in my career, so I have not accomplished much at this point, but I also believe we should celebrate the small things in life. At the moment I am most proud of the hearing conservation program I helped to establish with Keith Crumpton at the Lone Peak Conservation Center. We were able to identify deficiencies in both various types of hearing protection PPE and the training in their use in many workers.

### **If you could be anything other than a safety professional what would you be?**

Since I am currently writing and illustrating a book, I would probably be a novelist and illustrator if I were not a safety professional.

### **What do you like to do when you're not working?**

As I previously mentioned, I do creative writing and artwork with various forms of media. I also enjoy swimming, cycling, running, and parkour.