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Biography: Monica has an undergraduate degree in Psychology from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. During her time at UMass

Amherst, she worked for the International Programs Office assisting students interested in studying abroad as well as international students from across the globe. It was while working with International Programs in which she learned how integral a place is in relation to community. Prior to TSS, she lived on a small homestead care-taking goats and chickens practicing intentional community-based values. Some of her personal interests lie in equitable food systems, mycology, regenerative agriculture, and sustainable livestock management. With her current position as Graduate Program Administrator and Enrollment Coordinator, she looks forward to working with current and prospective students in building a community that promotes empowerment and connection to place.

Workshop: *Mycology Exploration: The Hidden World of Mushrooms* - Did you know that mushrooms play a vital role in ecosystems, medicine, agriculture, and food systems? In this hands-on workshop, you'll discover the fascinating diversity of fungi, learn the basics of mushroom identification, and uncover their many real-world applications. Delve into the exciting possibilities in mycology and see how you could work with these amazing organisms to solve problems, create new innovations, and help shape the future of science.