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### Summary

A Mediator with Meridian Institute with over than five years experience in organizational and strategic development, including public outreach and education on social and environmental issues ranging from human services to climate change. Expertise in the areas of climate change; international law; health and human services; resource-induced conflicts; forestry; cross-cultural exchange; and corporate social responsibility. Prior to her work with Meridian, Ms. Buckley served as the Director of Strategic Development at the Climate Institute in Washington, D.C., and as co-founder of and consultant to several nonprofit organizations, including Advocates, Inc. and Build for Hope. Ms. Buckley holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from the George Washington University and an LL.M in International Law with International Relations from the University of Kent, Brussels School of International Studies.

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### Meridian Experience

#### **Meridian Institute,** Washington, D C 2007 – Present

Meridian Institute designs and facilitates collaborative processes that help diverse parties identify critical issues, build relationships and trust, construct innovative solutions, and implement durable decisions. The collaborative processes address challenges at the local, state, national, and international levels, and involve leaders from government agencies, industry, nongovernmental organizations, and international institutions. Meridian also assists organizations in conducting strategy development and planning.

#### **Mediator**

Manage and facilitate policy dialogues, negotiations, and strategy development projects involving teams of facilitators. Conduct convening assessments, design collaborative processes, plan and facilitate meetings, help participants develop consensus documents, and conduct implementation activities.

- United States Climate Action Partnership: served as part of Meridian facilitation team that led a group of CEOs of Fortune 500 companies, major utility chief executives, and leaders of national environmental organizations through deliberations to develop a consensus set of principles and policy recommendations for U.S. legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Rockefeller Foundation Carbon and Poverty Initiative: serve on a Meridian team providing strategy advice and issue mapping of carbon market and policy developments to help inform the foundation's grant-making strategy towards poverty alleviation for small-holder farmers in Africa.
- Microsoft Critical Infrastructure Protection: served on a strategy and facilitation team to conduct stakeholder engagement and expert-informed issue mapping of critical infrastructure protection in the electric utility industry.
- USDA Forest Service Public Dialogue on National Forest System (NFS) Certification: served on the facilitation team for three regional public dialogues and conducted a series of stakeholder interviews on the potential opportunities and challenges related to NFS certification.
- US Geologic Survey's National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center: provided process design and facilitation for national and regional meetings to inform the development of and priorities for a national climate change science center that will provide relevant and applicable science for wildlife land managers.

- Big Room's Dot Eco: serve as project manager and lead facilitator for Big Room Inc.'s global community outreach and stakeholder engagement strategy in their application to the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) for a .eco top level domain.
- Forum on Readiness for REDD: working collaboratively with the Woods Hole Research center to launch this international effort focused on working at the national and international levels in alignment with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to build capacity of developing countries with tropical rainforests to reduce emissions from deforestation and degradation (REDD). Work consultatively with a broad range of stakeholders spanning multiple levels of public, private and non-governmental organizations to provide strategic advice and multi-stakeholder process design and delivery.

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## Previous Experience

### Climate Institute,

Washington, DC

2006 - 2007

#### *Director of Strategic Development*

Directed organizational and program development through networking, research, proposal writing, marketing and outreach. Created and developed training programs and a coastal protection & adaptation project. Responsible for organizational development through outreach, fundraising and event planning.

### Reconciliation Forum,

Brussels, Belgium

2006

#### *Assistant Project Officer*

Researched, analyzed, and reported on European Union Conflict Prevention Policy for this Brussels-based organization that implements reconciliation projects for conflict-torn communities. Created background papers for series of roundtables on conflict prevention and the EU and facilitated roundtable discussions on reconciliation with international conflict specialists.

### Advocates, Inc.,

Framingham, MA

2003 - 2007

#### *Non-Profit Development & IT Consultant*

Non-profit development through grant writing, online fundraising system, donor management and web design. IT consulting for video-streaming, website management and troubleshooting. Managed online aspects of 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala.

### The George Washington University,

Washington, DC

2003 - 2005

#### *Assistant to the Director of Undergraduate Admissions*

Provided administrative assistance to the director and senior staff. Responsibilities included processing of application fees, tuition deposits, and requests for admission decision appeals. Assisted in the development of university online admissions application.

### Grassroots Enterprise, Inc.

Washington, DC

2002 - 2003

#### *Intern*

Researched domestic news and political developments  
Investigated clients' public affairs and political activity  
Compiled marketing materials for clients  
Utilized comprehensive software database to manipulate statistical voting and political data

### Central American Reach-Out Association,

Washington, DC

2002 - 2005

Co-founded organization to offer students an international education experience focused on direct development, cross-cultural learning, and a life-long commitment to service. Lead and coordinated international service projects in Guatemala, Belize, and Mexico.

### The Cohen Group,

Washington, DC

2001

#### *Strategic Advisory Research Intern*

Researched world-wide economic and political developments for international business consulting firm, headed by former U.S. Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen. Prepared press and meeting briefings, event speeches and correspondence

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## Education

**University of Kent Law School, Brussels  
School of International Studies**  
Brussels, Belgium

**LL.M.**, International Law with  
International Relations, with distinction 2006

**The George Washington University,**  
Washington, District of Columbia

**B.A.**, International Relations 2004

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## Publications and Research

Thesis: Road to the Forests: Post-Conflict Forest Management and Development in the Democratic Republic of Congo. **University of Kent Library. 2007.**

The Final Frontier: Free Trade, Corporate Capitalism and International Environmental Law. Presented at Environmental Change and Global Citizenship Conference, University of Oxford, 2006. **Seeking Environmental Justice. Rodopi Publishers, 2008.**

The Externalization of Justice. Presented at Evil and Human Wickedness Conference, Salzburg Austria. **Framing Evil: Portraits of Terror and the Imagination. 2006.**