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Summary

A Fellow and Project Associate at Meridian Institute with a background in environmental policy, law, corporate sustainability, and pollution mitigation. Experience working with government agencies, civil society, the private and nonprofit sectors, indigenous communities, and academic researchers. Studies and work experience have focused on agricultural systems, climate adaptation, natural resource management, and the intersection between environmental law and equity. Graduated from Macalester College with a Bachelor's in Environmental Studies, Legal Studies and Political Science.

Meridian Experience

Meridian Institute

2016–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. These 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.

Fellow and Project Assistant

Provides research, writing, and general support for policy dialogues, negotiations, and strategy development on projects involving facilitators and outside parties. Assists in the preparation of reports, meeting summaries, meeting materials, press releases, and other communications. Specific project highlights include:

- Coordinates and supports AGree's Conservation and Crop Insurance Task Force (CCITF), a collaborative coalition of farmers, researchers, former USDA leadership, and representatives from farmer-based, environmental, and conservation NGOs – working to drive broader adoption of conservation through federal crop insurance and conservation programs.
- Provides support to the Resilient Power Project, working with states and communities to accelerate the adoption of clean, resilient power solutions. The Resilient Power Project is focused on ensuring that the nation's most critical lifeline infrastructures remain operational during grid-disrupting disasters through the adoption of solar technology with storage.

Previous Experience

Dovetail Partners

Minneapolis, Minnesota 2015

Environmental Policy Intern

Research and authored an external report on the history and contemporary applications of agroforestry and participated in meetings and conferences focused on sustainable forestry, urban design and biofuels.

School for International Training

Bocas del Toro, Panama 2015

Field Researcher

Piloted and completed a geomorphological study analyzing the rates of coastal erosion and its impact on local communities and built infrastructure in Northeastern Panama. Conducted interviews with residents and tourism officials about their perspectives on climate change and sea level rise.

Tiny Footprint Coffee

St. Paul, Minnesota 2014

Executive Sales Intern

Generated new clients for a carbon-negative coffee company by meeting with stakeholders, businesses and universities to discuss sustainable buying practices. Informed company policy recommendations on sustainable coffee production and product certification.

University of Maryland Law School

Baltimore, Maryland 2014

Undergraduate Environmental Law Fellow

Conducted environmental law research on US-China relations and environmental impact assessments, adapted the best-selling environmental law textbook for undergraduate use, and presented original research on nuclear waste laws in tribal territories at an international environmental law conference hosted by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

St. Paul, Minnesota 2013

Air Pollution and Waste Management Intern

Researched environmental justice policies in major U.S. cities and compiled a comparative report used to adapt the agency's environmental justice program. Managed a record of electronic waste recycling facilities and created anti-backyard burning outreach campaigns for young adults.

League of Women Voters

Los Angeles, California 2012

Legislative Intern

Planned young voter outreach programs in Los Angeles high schools and facilitated discussions between elected officials and students.

Education

Macalester College

B.A., Environmental Studies, Legal Studies, Political Science
2016