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EDUCATION

- American University, School of International Service** Washington, DC
M.A. in Global Environmental Policy, 3.97 GPA May 2013
- Relevant Coursework: Policy Issues for Global Environmental Politics, Environmental Diplomacy, Environmental Peacemaking, Environmental Science, Environmental Economics,
 - Faculty Research Assistant, Dr. Ken Conca, Global Environmental Politics program
- Baldwin-Wallace College (currently Baldwin Wallace University)** Berea, Ohio
B.A. in Political Science & History, 3.87 GPA December 2009
- Relevant Coursework: Political Analysis, Comparative Politics, Principles of Sociology
- Kent State University** Geneva, Switzerland
Semester Abroad: Major Curriculum Coursework Spring 2009
- Relevant Coursework: International Organizations, Human Rights, European Politics

RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Drink Local. Drink Tap., Inc.** Cleveland, OH
Research and Communications Consultant November 2014-Present
- Manages [DLDT blog](#), producing at least two original posts on water and environmental issues per month in order to further the organization's mission to educate the public on water issues in order to raise awareness and promote positive change.
 - Oversees organization's social media accounts (Facebook & Twitter), regularly posting relevant content and engaging with followers.
 - Conducts research and provides support for special projects, including ongoing project exploring the impacts of climate change on water resources in the Mt. Kilimanjaro region.
- Cleveland Special Events Corporation** Cleveland, OH
Project & Volunteer Manager, 2014 Gay Games Cleveland + Akron Sept. 2013-Dec. 2014
- Developed and oversaw implementation of a [comprehensive sustainability plan](#) for the Games, the first sustainability plan in the 32-year history of the Gay Games.
 - Supported Community Partners outreach program and engaged several local organizations and businesses as sustainability partners for the Games.
 - Supervised Volunteer Coordinator and five interns in order to recruit, register, train, and manage 3,017 volunteers for the Games, while coming in under budget by 40%.
 - Acted as liaison to the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the Games, taking minutes, provided regular updates, and served as the main point of contact on staff.
- Environmental Law Institute** Washington, DC
Research Intern, Post-Conflict Natural Resource Management Project Nov. 2011-Feb. 2013
- Assisted in the management of the Livelihoods Volume of [seven-volume research project](#) on Post-Conflict Peacebuilding and Natural Resource Management, including tracking progress of each chapter, coordinating with volume editors, and troubleshooting issues that arise.
 - Participated in fact-checking, editing, and developing text for chapters in Livelihoods Volume and Livelihoods chapter in Synthesis Volume.
- British Embassy in the United States** Washington, DC
Research Intern, Energy, Environment & Resource Security Division June-August 2012
- Completed a report for Embassy staff that detailed the projected impacts of climate change and its national security implications for the United States.

The Council of Smaller Enterprises (COSE)
Product Coordinator, Energy Programs
Energy Consultant (Remote from Washington, DC)

Cleveland, Ohio
March 2010-July 2011
July-December 2011

- Managed energy efficiency and sustainability grant program for 40 small businesses, financed through funding from the Ohio Department of Development.
- Participated in the execution of an organizational research project to create an [Energy Resource Guide](#) for small businesses.
- Assisted in the completion, management, and oversight of more than 200 small business applications to FirstEnergy's energy efficiency rebate and incentives programs.
- Engaged, one-on-one, with member businesses to provide information and support on sustainability, energy efficiency, and storm water management issues.

ACTIVITIES & HONORS

- Executive Committee & Communications Committee Member, Northeast Ohio Sierra Club
- Completed online course through University of Wisconsin-Madison on climate change in the Great Lakes region
- Volunteers and maintains plot at Kentucky Garden on Cleveland's west side
- Completed LGBTQ cultural competency training through Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio
- Participant, 2010 Sustainable Cleveland 2019 Summit
- Completed grant writing workshop through Baldwin-Wallace Arts Management Association
- Member, Environmental Peacebuilding Working Group (Washington, DC)
- Vice President, Pi Sigma Alpha - Political Science Honors Society
- Dr. Cornelius D. Penner Memorial Award (History)
- Phi Alpha Theta - History Honors Society
- Dayton C. Miller Honors Society
- Recipient, AmeriCorps Education Award

COMPUTER SKILLS

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| • Advanced Excel | • Advanced Word | • PowerPoint | • Publisher |
| • Adobe Acrobat Pro | • Adobe InDesign | • Wrike | • Microsoft Project |
| • LexisNexis | • SPSS | • WordPress | • Twitter |

RESEARCH & PRESENTATIONS

- "Stop Using the Term "Environmental Refugee" (2014). In *The Ocean*. Ipswich, MA: H. W. Wilson, 2014. 169-170. Available at <http://people.stfx.ca/rscrosat/trs14.pdf#page=175>.
- *The Politics of Disaster Response: Disaster Diplomacy and the Responsibility to Protect after Cyclone Nargis*. (April 2013). Available at <http://www.disasterdiplomacy.org/pb/kovachnargis2013.pdf>.
- *Disasters as Conflict Triggers: A New Framework for Analysis in Conflict-Affected and Post-Conflict States*. Paper presented at the Symposium on Development & Human Security, American University School of International Service, Washington, DC (March 2013).
- *Breaking the Conflict Trap: On the Factors Contributing to Civil War Recurrence*. Paper presented at the George Mason University Graduate Student Research Conference, Arlington, VA (March 2013).