# Timothy W. Kovach

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#### **EDUCATION**

# American University, School of International Service

Washington, DC

Pursuing Master of Arts, Global Environmental Policy, 3.97 GPA

Expected May 2013

- Relevant Coursework: Environment and Politics, Environmental Peacemaking, Environmental Economics, Urban Development, Policy Analysis for Global Environmental Politics
- Faculty Assistant to 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: Arms & Global Security, International Politics, Comparative Politics

#### **Kent State University**

Geneva, Switzerland

Semester Abroad: Major Curriculum Coursework & Internship

Spring 2009

• Relevant Coursework: International Organizations, Human Rights

### RELATED EXPERIENCE

#### **Environmental Law Institute**

Washington, DC

Research Intern, Post-Conflict Natural Resource Management Project November 2011-Present

- Participate in fact-checking, editing, and developing text for <u>seven-volume research project</u> on Post-Conflict Peacebuilding and Natural Resource Management.
- Assist in the management of the Livelihoods Volume, including tracking progress of each chapter, coordinating with volume editors, and troubleshooting issues that arise.
- Conduct research on potential market demand for an academic journal on environmental security and helping develop framework for the journal.

#### British Embassy in the United States

Washington, DC

Research Intern, Energy, Environment & Resource Security Division

June 2012-August 2012

- Conducted research and drafted a report for Embassy staff on the impacts of climate change and its national security implications for the United States.
- Provided periodic updates to DC Embassy staff and London on U.S. EPA regulations.

## The Council of Smaller Enterprises (COSE)

Cleveland, Ohio

Product Coordinator, Energy Programs

March 2010-July 2011

Energy Consultant (Remote from Washington, D.C.)

July-December 2011

- Assisted in completion and oversight of more than 200 small business applications to the FirstEnergy energy efficiency rebate and incentives program.
- Participated in the execution of an organizational research project creating an <a href="Energy Resource Guide">Energy Resource Guide</a> for small businesses.
- Wrote articles discussing energy efficiency & sustainability for organizational website. Managed Energy Program's social media efforts, including COSEenergy Twitter account.
- Educated members on the benefits of energy efficiency and sustainability and coordinated related programs, including the Green Plus™ sustainability certification program.
- Helped oversee energy savings programs for over 13,000 COSE member businesses and employees, helping participants save hundreds of thousands of dollars on energy costs.

## **International Commission of Jurists**

Geneva, Switzerland

Intern. International Economic Relations

January-May 2009

- Researched methods of redress for corporate human rights violations, focusing on independent third-party research and arbitration.
- Read and summarized reports on these issues in order to help International Economic Relations staff prepare publication discussing multinational corporations and human rights.
- Analyzed the consequences that arbitration may have on an individual's human rights.

City Year Cleveland

Cleveland, Ohio

Corps Member, RPM Initiatives Team

August 2005-June 2006

- Created and managed databases to collect and record service data and project evaluations.
- Served as Public Relations/Media Coordinator for the RPM Initiatives Team, producing external newsletters, press releases, and press kits.
- Coordinated recruitment and registration of Camp City Year 2006, a spring break day camp for over 300 first to fifth graders.
- Planned and supervised service day in which more than 100 volunteers painted 50 rooms at three sites in Cleveland's Fairfax neighborhood.

### RESEARCH & PRESENTATIONS

- "Disasters as Conflict Triggers: A New Framework for Analysis in Conflict-Affected and Post-Conflict States" Spring 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" Graduate Student Research Conference, George Mason University School of Public Policy, Arlington, VA (March 2013)
- Kovach, Tim. (2013). Going Beyond the Aggregations: A Regional Analysis of the Connection between Climate Change and Conflict (Working Paper). Available at http://timkovach.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Kovach-Regional-Analysis-of-Climate-Change-Conflict\_020713.pdf

### **ACTIVITIES & HONORS**

- Member, Environmental Peacebuilding Working Group (Washington, DC)
- Member, United Nations Association of the National Capital Area
- Participant, 2010 Sustainable Cleveland 2019 Summit
- Editor-in-Chief, Managing Editor, Sports Editor, The Exponent Student Newspaper
- Recipient, AmeriCorps Education Award
- 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

### **COMPUTER SKILLS**

- Advanced Excel
- Advanced Word
- PowerPoint
- Microsoft Access

- Adobe Acrobat
- Adobe DreamWeaver
  Adobe InDesign
- EndNote

- SPSS
- Google Earth
- Google Scholar
- Twitter