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## EDUCATION

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- American University, School of International Service** Washington, DC  
M.A. in Global Environmental Policy, 3.98 GPA May 2013
- Relevant Coursework: Policy Analysis for Global Environmental Politics, Ecohydrology, Environmental Science, Urban Development, Environmental Economics
- 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, American Government
- Kent State University** Geneva, Switzerland  
Semester Abroad: Major Curriculum Coursework Spring 2009
- Relevant Coursework: International Organizations, European Politics, Human Rights
  - International Economic Relations Intern, International Commission of Jurists

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

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- American University, School of International Service** Washington, DC  
Faculty Assistant, Global Environmental Politics Program Aug. 2011-May 2013
- Partnered on research projects exploring the environmental dynamics of the conflict in Syria and how the United Nations addresses environmental issues in post-conflict contexts.
  - Managed and coordinated logistics for workshop bringing together humanitarian actors and donor organizations for grant program funded by the United States Institute of Peace.
  - Recruited, trained, and supervised two undergraduate research assistants in order to complete textual analysis of United Nations reports from post-conflict states.
- 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.
  - 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, DC) July-December 2011
- Helped manage an energy efficiency and sustainability grant program, financed by the Ohio Department of Development, which provided support to 40 local businesses.
  - Assisted in completion, management, 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 to create an [Energy Resource Guide](#) for small businesses.
  - Updated COSE Energy Program web pages, managed social media efforts, and wrote articles for [organizational website](#) on sustainability and energy topics.

- Youth Opportunities Unlimited/Cleveland Division of Water** **Cleveland, Ohio**  
Team Lead Assistant, Mayor's Youth Summer Employment Program, Summer 2007-Summer 2009
- Created daily program production plans, helped monitor and oversee daily activities, and managed database of the program's output.
  - Coordinated with members of various public sector agencies in Northeast Ohio, including the Cleveland Division of Water and the Cleveland Division of Water Pollution Control.
  - Assisted Team Lead by inputting more than 1,000 applications, contacting candidates, conducting interviews, and selecting 250 Cleveland youth to work for the program per year.
  - Managed confidential files containing youths' personal information and paperwork, administered youth and supervisors' time sheets, and oversaw the distribution of paychecks.

- City Year Cleveland** **Cleveland, Ohio**  
Corps Member, RPM Initiatives Team August 2005-June 2006
- 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.
  - Created and managed databases in Microsoft Access to collect and record service data and project evaluations.

#### ACTIVITIES & HONORS

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- Participant, 2010 Sustainable Cleveland 2019 Summit
- Member, Environmental Peacebuilding Working Group (Washington, DC)
- Member, United Nations Association of the National Capital Area
- Recipient, AmeriCorps Education Award
- Second place, Center for International Policy [Student National Security Policy Blog Contest](#)
- 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

#### RESEARCH & PRESENTATIONS

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- *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).
- *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).
- *The Politics of Disaster Response: Disaster Diplomacy and the Responsibility to Protect after Cyclone Nargis*. Completed for American University School of International Service, Washington, DC (April 2013). Available at <http://www.disasterdiplomacy.org/pb/kovachnargis2013.pdf>.

#### COMPUTER SKILLS

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| • Advanced Excel    | • Advanced Word  | • PowerPoint    | • Microsoft Access |
| • Adobe DreamWeaver | • Adobe InDesign | • Adobe Acrobat | • Google Earth     |
| • ArcGIS (basic)    | • SPSS           | • WordPress     | • Twitter          |