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EDUCATION

- American University, School of International Service** Washington, DC
M.A. in Global Environmental Policy, 3.97 GPA May 12, 2013
- Relevant Coursework: Policy Issues for Global Environmental Politics, Environmental Peacemaking, Climate Change & Violent Conflict, Environmental Economics, Environmental Science, International Affairs Statistics & Methods
 - 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, American Government, Arms & Global Security
- Kent State University** Geneva, Switzerland
Semester Abroad: Major Curriculum Coursework Spring 2009
- Relevant Coursework: European Politics, International Organizations, Human Rights
 - International Economic Relations Intern, International Commission of Jurists

RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Cleveland Special Events Corporation** Cleveland, OH
Project & Volunteer Manager, 2014 Gay Games Cleveland + Akron Sept. 2013-Present
- 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.
 - 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%.
 - Created and oversees financial procedures, including invoices, check requests and purchase orders, credit cards, deposits, and ticket sales for an event with a \$5 million budget.
 - Acts as liaison to the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the Games, taking minutes, providing regular updates, and serving as the main point of contact on staff.
- American University, School of International Service** Washington, DC
Faculty Assistant, Global Environmental Politics Program Aug. 2011-June 2013
- Managed and coordinated logistics for workshop bringing together humanitarian actors and donor organizations for grant program funded by the United States Institute of Peace.
 - 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.
- 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 Embassy staff on U.S. EPA regulations.

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

- Assisted in the completion, management, and oversight of more than 200 small business applications to FirstEnergy's energy efficiency rebate and incentives programs.
- 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.
- Engaged, one-on-one, with member businesses to provide information and support on sustainability, energy efficiency, and storm water management issues.
- Managed Energy Program social media efforts and web presence, including the @COSEnergy Twitter account, and wrote blog posts for [organizational website](#).

ACTIVITIES & HONORS

- Executive Committee & Communications Committee Member, Northeast Ohio Sierra Club
- 4 Miles 4 Water Advisory Committee, Education Committee, [Drink Local. Drink Tap., Inc.](#)
- Second place, Center for International Policy [Student National Security Policy Blog Contest](#)
- Member, Environmental Peacebuilding Working Group (Washington, DC)
- Participant, 2010 Sustainable Cleveland 2019 Summit
- Completed LGBTQ cultural competency training through Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio
- Completed grant writing workshop through Baldwin-Wallace Arts Management Association
- 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 | • Microsoft Access |
| • Adobe DreamWeaver | • Adobe InDesign | • Microsoft Project | • Wrike |
| • SPSS | • EndNote | • Google Scholar | • 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).