



# Meridian Institute

Connecting People to Solve Problems

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## Summary

A Research Assistant at Meridian Institute. Expertise in writing and research. Earned an undergraduate degree in Education and Social Policy from Northwestern University.

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## Meridian Experience

**MERIDIAN INSTITUTE**, Washington, DC July 2007 – 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. The 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.

### RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Research and write Joint Ocean Commission Initiative informational papers, produce daily news brief of ocean-related articles and editorials, and track federal and state legislation pertaining to oceans and fisheries.

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## Previous Experience

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**,  
Evanston, Illinois February 2007-June 2007

*Research Assistant to Professor Lynne Kiesling,*  
Reviewed the literature pertaining to common-pool resources and incomplete property rights

**THE URBAN INSTITUTE**,  
Washington, DC Summer 2006

*Metropolitan Housing & Communities Research Intern,*  
Drafted the baseline survey for new study of Chicago public housing residents, coded and organized neighbor interactions interview data for HOPE VI Panel Study and conducted research and compiled articles related to housing for Hurricane Katrina research meeting

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## Education

Northwestern University,  
Evanston, Illinois

**B. S. Social Policy** June 2007