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Summary

A Fellow and Project Assistant at Meridian Institute with a background in environmental policy, law, biodiversity conservation, and environmental justice. Graduated from Macalester College with a Bachelor's in Environmental Studies, Legal Studies, and Political Science. Education and work experience have focused on global environmental policy, environmental ethics, climate change resilience, risk management, sustainable forestry, and the intersection between environmental law and equity.

Meridian Experience

Meridian Institute

2016–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. These 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.

Fellow and Project Assistant

Provides research, writing, and general support for policy dialogues, negotiations, and strategy development on projects involving facilitators and outside parties. Assists in the preparation of reports, meeting summaries, meeting materials, press releases, and other communications. Specific project highlights include:

- Provides support to the Resilient Power Project, a collaborative effort among leading state energy officials in the Northeast aimed at developing innovative clean energy programs, funding mechanisms, and advocacy strategies that will result in more resilient power protection for the public.
- Please see <http://merid.org/staff/ashapiro> for a full list of projects completed.

Previous Experience

Dovetail Partners

Minneapolis, Minnesota 2015

Environmental Policy Intern

Authored a stakeholder report on agroforestry and participated in meetings and conferences focused on sustainable forestry, urban design, and biofuels.

School for International Training

Bocas del Toro, Panama 2015

Field Researcher

Piloted and completed a geomorphological study analyzing the rates of coastal erosion and their impact on local communities and the built infrastructure in northeastern Panama. Conducted interviews with locals and tourism officials about their perspectives on climate change and sea-level rise.

Tiny Footprint Coffee

St. Paul, Minnesota 2014

Intern

Generated new clients for the first carbon-negative coffee company in the U.S. by meeting with stakeholders, businesses, and universities to discuss sustainable buying practices. Researched trends in sustainable forestry and environmental product certification to adapt company practices.

Univ. of Maryland Law School

Baltimore, Maryland 2014

Undergraduate Environmental Law Fellow

Conducted environmental law and policy research concerning U.S.–China relations and environmental impact assessments, adapted an environmental law textbook for undergraduate use, and presented original research on nuclear waste laws in tribal territories at the 14th Annual IUCN Colloquium on Environmental Law.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

St. Paul, Minnesota 2013

Air Pollution and Waste Management Intern

Researched environmental justice policies in major U.S. cities and compiled a comparative report used to adapt the agency's environmental justice program. Managed a record of electronic waste recycling facilities and created anti-backyard burning outreach campaigns for young adults.

League of Women Voters

Los Angeles, California 2012

Legislative Intern

Planned young voter outreach programs in Los Angeles high schools and facilitated discussions between elected officials and students.

Education

Macalester College

B.A., Environmental Studies

Concentration/Minor: Legal Studies, Political Science

2016