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Summary

A Fellow and Project Assistant at Meridian Institute with a background in the nexus of science and policy, particularly in the fields of environment and energy. Graduated magna cum laude, with honors from Georgetown University with a degree in Science, Technology, and International Affairs. Education and professional experience has focused on agriculture and food systems, clean energy, ocean policy, and human rights, particularly immigration and citizenship issues.

Meridian Experience

Meridian Institute

2018-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:

- Member of the Meridian team facilitating negotiations for a state-specific exemption to the Roadless Rule in Tongass National Forest. The negotiation aims to balance competing environmental, tourism, and developmental concerns across a range of stakeholders in Southeast Alaska.
- Please see <http://merid.org/staff/cgasteiger> for a full list of projects completed.

Previous Experience

Raymond Dinsmore Fellowship

2017-2018

Circumnavigator Grant Recipient

Designed and executed a four-month independent research project, traveling to six countries to conduct interviews with stateless people and NGOs on pathways to citizenship for stateless people. Used data to write senior thesis and presented findings to the UNHCR.

UNICEF USA

Washington, D.C.

2017-2018

Intern

Managed regional donor database, conducted data analytics for outreach and fundraising campaigns, and developed advocacy strategies for UNICEF's work.

Georgetown University Office of Sustainability

Washington, D.C.

2015-2018

Coordination and Engagement Manager

Planned and facilitated logistics for on-campus environmental initiatives, led student teams on campus operations improvements, and managed online presence for the office.

Gaborone Declaration for Sustainability in Africa

Gaborone, Botswana

2016

Research Fellow

Analyzed solar and wind energy potential for signing nations of the GDSA using GIS software. Prepared detailed country profiles about clean energy systems.

Solar Electric Light Fund

Washington, D.C.

2016

Development Intern

Developed project proposals for solar electricity projects in several countries. Wrote and published white paper examining sustainable energy's role in combatting epidemics.

Sustainable Oceans Alliance

Washington, D.C.

2015- 2017

Director of Research

Ran a committee to research, analyze, and summarize environmental challenges facing the oceans. Researched and conducted outreach to speakers for annual Sustainable Oceans Summit in D.C.

Education

Georgetown University

B.S., Science, Technology, and International Affairs

2018