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### Summary

A Senior Mediator and Program Manager at Meridian Institute, with more than 10 years of experience designing, convening, and facilitating multi-party problem-solving interactions to resolve public policy issues. Project expertise spans several areas of interest, including energy and climate policy; sustainable consumption policy; public infrastructure provision at the federal and international levels; homeland security; local, regional, and federal governance systems; and community-based collaboration. Prior to joining Meridian, worked in the environmental field in government and nonprofit settings. Earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Howard University.

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### Meridian Experience

#### Meridian Institute

2004–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.

#### Senior Mediator and Program Manager

Manages and facilitates policy dialogues, negotiations, and strategy development projects involving teams of facilitators. Conducts convening assessments, designs processes, plans and facilitates meetings, helps participants develop consensus documents, and conducts implementation activities. Selected highlights are summarized below:

- Managed efforts to plan and convene a 100-person summit on the current state of U.S. public infrastructure. Worked with a team of project partners to develop the focus and direction for the summit and managed the day-to-day efforts of developing the summit agenda, securing speakers, organizing panels, briefing volunteer facilitators for the breakout sessions, and making sure the event was well executed. Continues to work with a select group of organizing partners to further the relationships developed during the summit and build momentum toward a coherent national agenda on public infrastructure.
- Provided strategic process advice and facilitation for the review and planning of organizational goals and strategies for the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Energy

Technologies Program. Designed a process for amassing input from constituents of the program about the relevance of its activities; planned and facilitated a review meeting with a select group of constituents to gather more data about the program's activities; and developed a strategy document to help the department focus its efforts for FY2011 following the meeting.

- Provided facilitation support to the National Commission on Energy Policy in its execution of the Low-Carbon Technology Pathways Project. This project involved six workshops that explored the technology, resource, social, and policy challenges associated with wind, solar, and geothermal technologies; bioenergy; advanced nuclear power; carbon capture and storage; and end-use efficiency in the transportation and building sectors.
- Served as part of the Meridian team that facilitated the United States Climate Action Partnership (USCAP), a group of Fortune 500 CEOs, major utility chief executives, and leaders of national environmental organizations. Helped to lead USCAP members through deliberations to develop a consensus set of principles and policy recommendations for U.S. legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Led Meridian efforts supporting a review of the mission, goals, and strategies for 2011 for the Partnership for Critical Infrastructure Security (PCIS). Designed the information gathering and assessment process and led interviews with PCIS leaders; developed a preliminary assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the PCIS structure and possible strategies to improve the effectiveness of the group; and led a small group of PCIS members to develop a strategic action plan for moving forward. Also, served as a key member of Meridian teams that helped to establish Homeland Security Sector Coordinating Councils (SCCs) to facilitate private-sector action regarding critical infrastructure protection. Worked with the communications, information technology, food and agriculture, and commercial facilities sectors to establish SCCs in each sector. Facilitated intra-sector dialogue and the organization of council structures, as well as interactions between the private sector and relevant government agencies.
- Member of the Meridian project team that conducted a survey of stakeholders regarding the public and private provision of infrastructure services in developing countries. Conducted interviews with global stakeholders to ascertain opinions and identify points of convergence with other stakeholders, led presentations to the British Department for International Development, and served as co-author of the final report to international donors.
- Please see <http://merid.org/staff/kbryan> for a full list of projects completed.

## Previous Experience

### **RESOLVE, Inc.**

Washington, DC 2002–2004

*Facilitator/Coordinator, National Wind Coordinating Committee (NWCC)*

Identified opportunities for the NWCC to work with individuals and stakeholder groups on wind energy issues. Facilitated work group discussions and activities; conducted research and analysis of various wind issues, including economic development opportunities for local communities and transmission; and maintained an awareness of wind energy activity in the United States. Also provided facilitation services for other projects, including federal and local agency strategic planning, and state transportation projects.

### **City of San Jose, Environmental Services Department**

San Jose, California 2000–2001

*Project Manager, Energy Efficiency Project*

Worked in a collaborative fashion to address issues and develop solutions for

small businesses and residents to implement energy-efficiency improvements in their facilities and homes. Managed focus groups aimed at identifying motivations and opportunities for residential customers to access state energy-efficiency programs and convened small business organizations and residential associations to consider ways to reduce energy use through energy-efficiency retrofits in their facilities.

### **Environmental Defense Fund**

Washington, DC 1996–2000

*Research Associate*

Coordinated the organization's contributions to a multi-stakeholder group crafting a model alternative regulatory system for a General Motors assembly plant in Ohio. In addition, represented the organization on a number of national consensus dialogues that developed guidelines for government-run multi-stakeholder activities.

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## Education

### **Howard University**

Graduate Study, Public Administration

1995

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B.S., Civil Engineering

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