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Summary

A Mediator and Program Associate at Meridian Institute, with experience in economic and natural resource policy issues at the state, national, and international levels. Specific areas of expertise include water and watersheds, waste management, agriculture and food security, natural resource valuation, climate change, and impact evaluation. Prior to joining Meridian, worked as a research assistant at the U.S. Forest Service and completed internships at the U.S. Council of Economic Advisors and the National Conference of State Legislatures. Holds an M.S. with distinction in Water Science, Policy, and Management from the University of Oxford and a B.A. in Mathematical Economics, *magna cum laude*, from Colorado College.

Meridian Experience

Meridian Institute

2011–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.

Mediator and Program Associate

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

At present, serves primarily as a member of the AGree project team. AGree: Transforming Food and Ag Policy is a collaborative initiative of diverse stakeholders across the food and agricultural system. It is designed to tackle long-term agricultural, food, and rural development policy issues by breaking down traditional structures and working across issue areas. Specific duties include assisting with the planning of stakeholder meetings, engaging with research consultants and the involved foundations, drafting reports, and providing research and analysis for projects related to AGree.

Previous Experience

University of Oxford

Oxford, United Kingdom 2010–2011

Graduate Researcher

Conducted master's dissertation research with UN-HABITAT. Evaluated the impact of improved water supply and sanitation facilities on child health in Lake Victoria, Africa.

Colorado College

Colorado Springs, Colorado 2010

Student Researcher

Interviewed diverse stakeholders in coastal communities in Komodo and Lombok, Indonesia. Reviewed and analyzed coral reef management plans.

U.S. Forest Service

Fort Collins, Colorado 2009

Research Assistant

Reviewed current research and literature on future water demand in various sectors with climate change predictions. Compiled and analyzed statistics regarding irrigation water use and reservoir storage capacity.

Executive Office of the President, Council of Economic Advisers

Washington, DC 2009

Intern

Monitored and researched current policy relating to climate change, efficiency, and green technology. Researched recent trade barriers arising from the economic recession. Collected and analyzed data for the "Cash for Clunkers" initiative.

National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)

Denver, Colorado 2007

Intern

Researched and reviewed committees and commissions involved with tribal/state affairs for the NCSL publication *Models of Cooperation between States and Tribes*. Also, researched and analyzed the earned income tax credit and state payday lending legislation.

Education

University of Oxford

M.S., Water Science, Policy, and Management
2011

Colorado College

B.A., Mathematical Economics, *magna cum laude*
Minor: Environmental Issues
2010