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EDUCATION

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN May 2024
O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs
Master of Public Affairs, GPA 3.5/4.0

- Concentrations: Sustainability & Sustainable Development and Non-Profit Management

Course Work:

Sustainability in a Tri-sectoral World Management & Leading in Public Affairs	Environmental Justice Sustainable Communities
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Lindenwood University, St. Charles, MO May 2022
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Philosophy, GPA 3.7/4.0
Minor: Critical Thinking
Minor: Ethical Decision-Making

Academic Awards

Dr. Donna Card Charron Philosophy Award May 2022

- This award is given to the student who shows academic excellence in philosophy and a concern for what Dr. Charron called philosophy's role as "reason in the world."

Dana & Nancy Mead Public Affairs Fellowship August 2022

- Awarded to a student who has demonstrated academic merit.

Skills:

- Statistics: Knowledge of descriptive and inferential statistics, hypothesis testing, and regression analysis.
- R & RStudio: Knowledge of using R for statistical analysis and visualization.

Professional Summary:

Detail-oriented and results-driven Master of Public Affairs candidate with a focus on Sustainability & Sustainable Development and Non-Profit Management. Known for strong communication abilities, project management experience, and delivering actionable insights through presentations and reports. Eager to apply academic knowledge and professional experience to drive positive environmental and social impact in private and nonprofit sectors.

Professional Experience and Relevant Coursework:

O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Bloomington, IN January 2024 – May 2024
Project Manager

- Collaborated in and across teams to analyze the effectiveness of the Indiana's Office of Community and Rural Affairs community liaison position through surveys and interviews of internal and external stakeholders.
- Analyzed the quantitative and qualitative data to provide the Office of Community and Rural Affairs with actionable recommendations on improving the position's effectiveness via an in-person presentation.

O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Bloomington, IN August 2023 – January 2024
Sustainability Consultant

- Conducted a comprehensive evaluation of South Bend, Indiana's Climate Action Plan (CAP), identifying strengths, gaps, and opportunities for improvement to guide the city's CAP update process and enhance its long-term sustainability strategy.
- Designed a coordination framework for the South Bend Sustainability Office that includes an internal sustainability committee, a social vulnerability working group, and specialized topical working groups to streamline CAP implementation and improve access to sustainability metrics.

- Authored a detailed report for the South Bend Sustainability Office, providing actionable recommendations and a structured roadmap for institutionalizing the newly developed coordination mechanism, which was later adopted by the organization.
- Delivered an engaging and strategic presentation to key stakeholders within the South Bend Office of Sustainability, effectively communicating findings, recommendations, and the benefits of the proposed coordination structure.

Rockhurst High School, Kansas City, MO

May 2023 – July 2023

Research Consultant Intern

- Conducted comprehensive analysis of existing literature on the return on investment (ROI) of private versus public education in the United States.
- Drafted a detailed report to be used by Rockhurst High School in their advocacy efforts for private schooling.

O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Bloomington, IN

January 2023 – May 2023

Sustainability Consultant

- Conducted an in-depth analysis to determine the optimal mix of renewable energy technologies—such as solar, wind, and mini hydropower—that Walmart should implement to meet its sustainability targets for electricity consumption. Assessed cost-effectiveness, feasibility, and environmental impact to develop data-driven recommendations aligned with the company's long-term carbon reduction goals.
- Authored a memo to Manuel Gomez Pena, Walmart de Mexico's Director of Sustainability outlining key findings from the analysis and delivering tailored recommendations to enhance the company’s renewable energy strategy and sustainability initiatives.