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Education

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Master's Degree, Urban and Regional Planning
Portland State University, *Portland OR*
Fall 2021 – Present

Bachelor's Degree, Child Development (Minor Spanish)
Central Michigan University, *Mount Pleasant MI*
Segovia, Spain – Fall 2008
August 2006 – December 2010

Skills

Spatial Analysis (ArcGIS Pro), Comparative Data Analysis (R and SPSS), Visual Communications (Microsoft Office Suite and Canva), Notary Public (OR/WA)

Interests

Spatial Justice, Land Use Policy, Community Engagement, Data Visualization, Emergency Management

Experience

Data Intern • Puget Sound Regional Council

Seattle, WA • June 2022 – Present

- Sharpen R programming capacity and techniques to assess and conduct comparative analysis with large datasets that inform long-range planning, such as the Household Travel Survey.
- Research viable and longitudinal indicators that measure disparities experienced by vulnerable communities in the region, for the composition of a robust Equity Tracker.
- Execute spatial analysis for housing near Regional Growth Centers and High-Capacity Transit that support the housing goals of Vision 2050.

Emergency Resilience Graduate Research Assistant • Portland State University

Portland, OR • January 2022 – June 2022

- Analyzed regional food systems responses and emergency management plans across the Portland Metro Region to inform future strategies.
- Conducted and coded interviews in English and Spanish with local frontline organizations.
- Engaged with community stakeholders experiencing disproportionate impacts to the pandemic and climate events of 2020 and 2021.

Birth Parent Clinician • Boys & Girls Aid Society

Portland, OR • May 2020 – June 2021

- Advocated for increased accessibility needs and counseling services for 24 birth parents.
- Cultivated relationships with local organizations providing community resources to birth families and their support systems.

Lead Butcher and Baker • Multiple Locations

Michigan and Oregon • August 2015 – March 2020

- Practiced full animal butchery with ethically raised products for a more secure food future.
- Created safe spaces for women to learn culinary techniques and practice land stewardship.

International Partner Relations Manager, Carbon • Triple Quest

Grand Rapids, MI • November 2013 – June 2015

- Constructed impact risk assessments and comprehensive due diligence reports for large-scale carbon sequestration projects in Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, and India.
- Adapted data reporting systems for 10,000+ water filter installations across Africa & India.
- Managed communications between U.S. social enterprises & international non-profits.

Community Health Educator • United States Peace Corps

Madagascar, Africa • July 2011 – August 2013

- Supported a USAID-funded project that addressed health concerns prominent in the Northwest Region of Madagascar.
- Obtained \$3,500 in matching grant funds for the construction of a new healthcare facility.
- Performed community stakeholder focus groups in the Malagasy language for 7 local villages.

Volunteer

Oregon APA Emerging Planners: Lunch & Learn Coordinator
Equitable Giving Circle: CSA Delivery Driver
One Tail at a Time PDX Dog Rescue

March 2022 – Present
May 2021 – Present
November 2019 – Present

Languages

Spanish (Conversational) and Malagasy (Advanced)