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EDUCATION

- Yale University, School of the Environment (YSE)** **New Haven, CT**
PhD, Environmental Economics & Policy May 2027 (Expected)
- Selected Coursework: Econometrics, Microeconomics, Theory and Practice of Quant. Methods, Data Exploration and Analysis
 - Teaching Fellowships: Energy Economics and Policy, Disruptive Tech and Responsible Innovation, Financing Climate Adaptation
- University of Notre Dame, Keough School of Global Affairs** **Notre Dame, IN**
Master of Global Affairs, Sustainable Development May 2022
- Santa Clara University, School of Engineering** **Santa Clara, CA**
Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering (Honors Program) June 2018
- Awards: Richard J. Riordan Award for Community Service, Humanitarian Award

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Yale University** **New Haven, CT**
Doctoral Researcher Aug. 2022 – Present
- Managing data-driven assessment of property rights interventions to identify impact drivers and support evidence-based policy
 - Navigating data access, methodological tradeoffs, and stakeholder priorities to frame the core problem, develop hypotheses, and iterate on an analytical strategy that balances academic rigor with real-world decision needs
- Center for Business and Environment at Yale (CBEY)** **New Haven, CT**
Online Learning Associate Aug. 2023 – Present
- Own content strategy and updates for a 10-month online clean energy certificate program for 120 mid-career professionals
 - Manage end-to-end content development workflows (scoping, stakeholder alignment, review cycles, launch), ensuring on-time delivery of high-quality modules across mixed media formats
 - Translated complex subject-matter input into concise, learner-oriented materials that balance technical depth, policy relevance, and usability for time-constrained professionals
 - Oversee a 6-member TA team to ensure efficient task execution, consistent learner support, and smooth program operations
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** **New York, NY**
Evaluation Strategy Consultant Oct. 2023 – Feb. 2024
- Structured a diagnostic for UNDP to explain weak long-term sustainability of environmental projects, synthesizing academic evidence and 100+ past evaluations to identify gaps in existing KPIs and M&E practices
 - Designed a portfolio-level M&E strategy for a 30-project pipeline across multiple implementing agencies, creating 16 new indicators that align sustainability goals with donor reporting requirements and limited monitoring budgets
 - Developed practical implementation guidance and tools to support adoption of new framework across UNDP and partner agencies
- Catholic Relief Services (CRS)** **Lilongwe, Malawi**
Strategy Consultant, Research Lead Jan. – Dec. 2021
- Collaborated with CRS stakeholders to scope an evaluation strategy for a national aid program with conflicting prior assessments
 - Led 8 weeks of qualitative field research (28 focus groups, 40 key informant interviews) to assess program outcomes and explain divergent evaluation findings, synthesizing insights into client-ready recommendations, case studies, and a policy brief

LEADERSHIP

- Keough School of Global Affairs** **Notre Dame, IN**
Advisory Council Member June 2024 – June 2027
- One of two alumni serving on a 20-member advisory board, advising school leadership on strategic priorities and representing the school in presentations and face-to-face donor engagement at semiannual events
- Peace Corps Benin** **Coussi, Benin**
Sustainable Agriculture Volunteer June 2019 - Mar. 2020
- Partnered with community stakeholders to design and deliver environmental programs for 175+ students, fully in French

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Skills: French (Professional Working Proficiency), R/RStudio, STATA, GIS, Google Earth Engine

Interests: Endurance running (road and trail), currently training for a half Ironman; calligraphy