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Education:

Tufts University, Medford, MA

Masters of Science, Masters of Arts, expected May 2018

Programs: **Agriculture, Food, and Environment** (Tufts University's Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy),

Urban Environmental Policy and Planning (Tufts University's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences)

Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA

Bachelor of Science, May 2015

Major: **Environmental Science** (*Graduated with Honors*), Minor: **Art History**

Danish Institute for Study Abroad, Copenhagen, DK

Spring 2014

Hampshire College, Amherst, MA

Food, Farm, & Sustainability Institute Summer Program 2013

- Six week summer program combining classes with hands on farm work, and visits to area agricultural operations

Research Experience:

Tufts University, Medford, MA, September 2015 – Present

Boston Collaborative on Food and Fitness Evaluation Team

Member of a Tufts-led research team evaluating the role of the Boston Collaborative on Food and Fitness in the Boston community. Evaluation includes the function of the collaborative, programs and organizations supported by its efforts, and successes and challenges that it faces. The evaluation team also works to create resources for the collaboration, such as an asset map highlighting the relationship between all stakeholders and interest groups.

Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, August 2014 – May 2015

The Environment of Food Access and Food Consumption in Carlisle, PA

Year-long independent research to determine how food access and food consumption in Carlisle, PA are linked to geographic location, income, race, and education. Designed survey questions and conducted surveys at the local farmers market.

Determined four Carlisle neighborhoods with varying demographics and conducted interviews of residents.

Honors:

Summa Cum Laude

Phi Beta Kappa

Baird Sustainability Fellow (Spring 2015)

- Honors program for seniors who have shown excellence in sustainability through scholarship, leadership, and service

John Dickinson Academic Merit Scholarship (Fall 2011 – May 2015)

Dean's List (Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2015)

Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society (Spring 2012 – May 2015)

Related Experience:

Vela Foundation, Boston, MA, May 2015 – September 2015

Farmers' Market Intern

- Represented Rooting for Health nutrition education programming at farmers' markets throughout Boston
- Interacted with vendors and community members on the subjects of healthy eating and local food
- Researched and assisted in outlining programming, including lesson plans, recipes, and demonstrations
- Wrote and administered a survey regarding produce consumption and purchasing
- Managed social media accounts for the program, namely Facebook and Twitter

Liberty Prairie Foundation, Grayslake, IL, May 2014 – August 2014

Outreach Intern

- Organized a seedling donation program to provide food pantry gardens with free surplus seeds from farmers
- Organized and ran a pilot produce distribution program in a nearby low income food desert
- Co-organized a farm-to-table dinner for 100 people connected to on-farm youth program
- Designed a cookbook for print and online publication for on-farm youth program
- Improved the foundation's social media presence
- Worked with on-farm youth program in the fields one day a week
- Updated and add to website, including creating virtual tours of different places related to the foundation

Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, August 2013 – December 2013

Dining Services Sustainability Intern

- Identified sustainable meals for the catering menu
- Increased local produce served in campus dining venues
- Conducted a feasibility study for preservation of foods from the Dickinson College Farm
- Worked to increase the sustainability of Dining Services through means such as the purchase of more local products, increased efficiency, waste reduction, etc.

Green Schools, Mansfield, MA July 2013 – August 2013

Summer Intern

- Developed an environmental curriculum for the national level centered around challenges and pledges for students ranging from the elementary to high school grade levels
- Centralized online and print resources for teachers and school administrators

Sustainable Sharon Network, Sharon, MA July 2013 – August 2013

Project Regarding Solar Installations in Sharon, MA

- Co-created a network for homeowners in Sharon to share data regarding solar panels
- Helped to increase the infrastructure for solar power throughout the town
- Drafted press releases and an application for the network

Dickinson College Farm, Carlisle, PA, August 2012 – May 2015

Student Farmer

- Participate in wide range of activities including: weeding, planting, harvesting, processing, maintaining compost programs, working with farm visitors, working stand at farmers market
- Created a produce user guide for CSA members detailing storage and preservation techniques for produce in share
- Designed posters to advertise the farm
- Served as liaison to Dining Services to ensure produce was appropriately labeled

Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, September 2012 – May 2013

Center for Sustainability Education Steering Committee Student Representative

- Worked to integrate sustainability into various courses across disciplines at Dickinson College
- Created guidelines for sustainable courses
- Acted as one of two student voices on a committee consisting of mainly college staff and faculty members

Sierra Club, Boston, MA, May 2012 - August 2012

Solar Home Campaign Summer Intern

- Researched Massachusetts State legislation that makes solar power more accessible
- Lobbied at the Massachusetts State House for an increase in the Net Metering cap
- Attended various events and workshops discussing renewable energy
- Reached out to homeowners to share the benefits of solar energy

Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, August 2011 –May 2015

Students Interested in Sustainable Agriculture

- Organized two Local Food Dinners, including creating menu, ordering food, advertising, and selling tickets
- Organized two campus-wide Harvest Festivals
- Networked with local farmers and organizes volunteer and educational visits
- Organized a roundtable discussion to shed light on quinoa cultivation

Skills:

ArcGIS, Event Planning, Social Media and Web Platforms – Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Wix