

SKILLS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scholarly and Legislative Research• Strong Research and Analytical Skills• Communications Strategy• IQ/Adobe/Microsoft Office Products• Database Management/Salesforce• Press Releases | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic and Popular Writing• Project Management• Website Design/WordPress• Excellent Oral Communication Skills• Social Media/Video Editing• Final Cut Pro/Lightroom/Canva | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Photography/Videography• IBM SPSS/Stata• Editing/Copyediting• Administrative Experience• Fundraising/Grant Writing• 2 Years Peace Corps, Madagascar |
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EDUCATION

Master of Public Policy: *American University (GPA:3.8)*

Focus: Policy Analysis

Jan 2024
Washington, D.C.

Bachelor of Arts: *James Madison University*

Major: Political Science; Minor: Public Policy and Administration

May 2016
Harrisonburg, Virginia

WORK EXPERIENCE

Freelance Writer, Photographer and Filmmaker, 30+ Countries.

Jan 2024 - Present

Freelance Writer, Photographer, and Filmmaker

- Lived with more than 60 Peace Corps Volunteers at their sites in more than a dozen countries as a photographer and writer.
- Authored several published articles about the Peace Corps experience for WorldView Magazine.
- Solo-traveled to more than 30 countries in Africa and Asia, ranging from Burundi to Bangladesh.
- Single-handedly produced, filmed, edited and hosted more than 40 documentaries about different cultures in Africa and Asia, gaining hundreds of thousands of views on Youtube.

Alliance to Save Energy, Washington, D.C.

July 2022 - Jan 2024

Manager, Research and Policy Analysis

- Managed a \$100k+ research project to completion (Energy Efficiency Impact Report), encompassing 52 energy indicators, 4 case studies, a comprehensive background, and conclusions. Project explored diverse facets of energy and efficiency, spanning financing, policy, trends, transportation, utilities, and more, with a focus on emissions, bill affordability, and grid reliability. Successfully delivered findings through an interactive website.
 - Coordinated with web designers, shareholders, research partners, event planners, and congressional staffers throughout project execution.
 - Presented research findings on Capitol Hill multiple times to packed rooms of industry leaders and Capitol Hill staffers, including in smaller, one-on-one settings with representatives from Senate and House offices and various caucuses. Also presented findings to several boards, including the Alliance's own and the Business Council for Sustainable Energy.
 - Led shareholder meetings regularly, providing progress updates and incorporating feedback into project deliverables.
 - Research findings were utilized by numerous congressional and Senate offices, industry leaders, and featured at COP27.
 - Spearheaded the creation of an intuitive social media toolkit to enhance outreach and engagement.
- Managed research workflow for the Alliance's Energy 2040 Commission, shaping decade-long policy priorities through a collaborative process involving dozens of shareholders, board members, and stakeholders over a year.
 - Facilitated multiple high-level roundtable discussions at Google and other venues with industry leaders and shareholders to guide project direction and establish priorities.
 - Analyzed and synthesized studies from leading industry researchers such as Brattle and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory to inform the research workflow.
 - Led and participated in advocacy meetings on Capitol Hill, advocating for policy initiatives aligned with the Energy 2040 Commission's priorities.

- Authored primer papers distributed to congressional offices on multiple occasions to educate policymakers on critical energy issues.
- Coordinated with stakeholders to draft project scopes and selected a research partner for a \$100k+ project, contributing to discussions at COP28.
- Reviewed a \$100k+ legal contract, identifying and recommending significant amendments to ensure project success and compliance.
- Researched and authored various documents including a research packet and presentations on critical mineral scarcity for achieving net-zero energy goals, adapted a research document into a primer paper for congressional distribution emphasizing the need for energy efficiency with solar paneling, drafted a comment letter representing the Alliance to Save Energy's stance on a Department of Energy EnergyStar ruling, and produced a 7 page explainer on energy efficiency's relationship with grid reliability.
- Developed an expert-level understanding of energy efficiency's impacts and potential implications, alongside a comprehensive grasp of broader energy and climate issues.
- Mentored and supervised multiple associates across diverse projects.

Institute for Carbon Removal Law and Policy, Washington, D.C.

Jan 2022 - June 2023

Writer, Researcher and Member

- Collaborated with scientists, researchers, academics, and policy analysts to determine best practices relating to carbon removal and other environmental issues, both policy and communications-wise.
- Authored a 3 part peer-reviewed article on carbon removal in collaboration with the Institute's other members.

Tom Smith for Maryland State Delegate, Maryland

Aug 2021 - Jan 2022

Communications Director and Senior Policy Advisor

- Tasked with advising Mr. Smith on policy, with a particular focus on environmental, education, and criminal justice/policing issues; with a particular focus on natural (NBS) and artificial (DAC) carbon removal methods and technologies.
- Worked with Mr. Smith to create a communications strategy that will best ensure his positive message will be well received.
- Charged with recruiting and managing internship program, which included field, communications, and finance interns.

American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, D.C.

July 2021 - Aug 2021

Temporary Communications Associate

- Performed outreach and maintained communications with hundreds of journalists nominated for the Kavli Awards.
- Maintained database of journalistic entries and edited all outgoing documents and correspondence relating to the Kavli Awards.

Andrew Yang Campaign, New York City

May 2021 – Jun 2021

Forward Associate

- Referenced over 10 scholarly sources to write an in-depth research paper on policing methods for the campaign and Andrew Yang, which was utilized by the campaign's communications team to improve outreach strategies.
- Planned routes for poster events and business walks as well as led a team to try and educate voters on why Andrew Yang was the most favorable candidate for New York City, which resulted in hundreds of business leaders publicly supporting Mr. Yang.

Congressman Andy Kim (NJ-03), Washington, D.C.

Jan 2020 – Mar 2020

Full-time Legislative Intern

- Worked specifically on both natural and artificial carbon capture techniques and negative emissions technologies policy for the office; tracking and analyzing relevant proposals, including the Trillion Trees Act (H.R. 5859), The Climate Stewardship Act (S. 2452 and H.R. 4269), Agricultural Resilience Act (H.R. 5861), the Growing Climate Solutions Act (S. 3894), and more.

- Analyzed the pros and cons of the 45Q carbon sequestration tax credit for Congressman Kim while working on carbon capture policy for the office.
- Assisted with targeted member outreach for Congressman Kim's H.R. 5700, the Resilient Highways Act; analyzed and tracked legislation and policy ideas relating to environmental and climate resiliency.
- Represented the Congressman at the front-desk, as well as at briefings, meetings, roundtables and various other official functions, meant to advance the policy interests of our constituents, while assuming all the normal administrative responsibilities of an intern.
- Researched and pitched ideas for legislation and policy for the Congressman, ranging from possible climate solutions involving natural carbon removal and direct air capture, to reforms meant to deal with the American opioid crisis.
- Crafted an in-depth research paper on drug policy in the United States after being asked to do so by Congressman Kim himself, which was then utilized by senior staff.
- Composed dozens of Correspondence and 499 Letters to constituents, focusing on a wide range of issues, from local veterans concerns, to health care matters, the climate crisis and many other critical national and international issues.

Freelance Investigative Environmental Journalist, Madagascar

Jan 2018 - July 2019

Journalist/Producer/Writer/Photographer

- Produced, researched, and wrote feature published articles focusing on environmental and human rights issues in Madagascar - ranging from the impact of a multi-national mining company on local residents, to Chinese fishing vessels, as well as deforestation.
- Shot the first published images of secret Chinese fishing vessels, the existence of which had been denied by the Malagasy government, after being smuggled on the port with a hidden camera.
- Lived with the last hunter-gatherers of Madagascar as the first foreigner to do so in 40 years, while writing about deforestation and its impact on traditional Malagasy cultures for mongabay.com, which attracted 2 million impressions.
- Lived in a remote mountain-top village for a week to write an article about the unique and isolated culture that exists there.

Peace Corps, Madagascar

Feb 2017 – May 2019

Community Health Advisor

- Created and conducted lessons on Malaria in over 100 remote villages resulting in the dissemination of lifesaving preventative information, improving the health outcomes for thousands of at-risk people.
- Integrated in a rural community without running water or electricity as the first foreigner/PCV to live there.

Center for International Stabilization and Recovery (CISR), Virginia

Jan 2016 - June 2016

Research Associate

- Conducted comprehensive literature and online research on Ukraine and Kosovo's disability rights laws for senior management to utilize in coordination with other NGOs.
- Reviewed hundreds of documents to compile an overview of American security protocols in response to the Boston Marathon Bombing, which was utilized by senior CISR leadership during congressional testimonial.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

ID.me (Data Security Firm), Remote Feb 2021 – Apr 2021 *Data Security Specialist*

University of Chicago, Remote May 2020 – Dec 2020 *Covid-19 Contact Tracer*

Mechaniku (Informational Site for Mechanics and Car Enthusiasts), Remote July 2019 – July 2020 *Writer and Editor*

Peer 2 Peer: Challenging Extremism (State Department Initiative), Harrisonburg, Virginia Sep 2015 – Dec 2015
Research and Communications Associate

Give Volunteers, Harrisonburg, Virginia Aug 2014 – Jul 2015 *Environmental Program Director*

Rockville City Hall, Rockville, Maryland Jan 2013 – Dec 2013 *Liaison for Rockville Human Rights Commission*

Rockville Fire Department, Rockville, Maryland Jun 2010 – Jun 2012 *Volunteer Firefighter/EMT-B*