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## Professional Experience

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| <b>2012 – present</b><br>1 year<br>Vermont, USA | <b>Institute for Energy and the Environment (Research Associate)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Publishing a book on smart grid implementation in Fall 2013 with a team of authors</li><li>• Influencing policy and development of electric vehicles with an original article</li><li>• Collaborating with Brazilian lawyers on an article about Amazon dam projects</li></ul> |
| <b>2012</b><br>2 months<br>Boquete, Panama      | <b>Cloud Forest Botanicals (Apprentice)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Built an energy efficient greenhouse and six new organic garden beds</li><li>• Apprenticed running a small business and making all of the medicinal products</li></ul>  |
| <b>2011</b><br>4 months<br>Vermont, USA         | <b>Shelburne Planning Department (Intern)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Developed a Town Forest Management Plan with future use recommendations</li><li>• Organized a public forum on sustainable development with a national expert</li></ul>  |
| <b>2010</b><br>1 year<br>Vermont, USA           | <b>Green Mountain College, Professor Sam Edwards (International Policy Research Assistant)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Researched Micronesian environmental policy for a published article</li><li>• Drafted policies linking cultural and ecosystem valuation in Micronesia</li></ul>  |
| <b>2010</b><br>3 months<br>Vermont, USA         | <b>The Nature Conservancy, VT Chapter (Field Coordinator)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Led the aquatic invasive species eradication program</li><li>• Educated volunteers about invasive species and other watershed issues</li></ul>  |

## Education

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| <b>Candidate 2013</b><br>Vermont Law School<br>Vermont, USA                    | <b>Master of Environmental Law and Policy</b><br>Energy and Climate Change; International Environmental Law<br>Thesis : Energy Resilience in an Era of Climate Change |
| <b>2010</b><br>Green Mountain College<br>Vermont, USA                          | <b>Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude, GPA : 3.74</b><br>Environmental Studies<br>Thesis : Sustainable Community Planning : Theory, Practice, Profession               |
| <b>2009</b><br>Bodh Gaya, India<br>Chiang Mai, Thailand<br>Southeastern Brazil | <b>International Studies</b><br>Buddhist Studies<br>Buddhism and Environmentalism<br>Comparative Forest Conservation Research Project                                 |

## Languages

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Bilingual      English-Spanish

## Areas of Expertise

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- Social/corporate responsible investment
- Grant writing
- Energy law and policy
- International environmental law/treaties
- Climate change adaptation planning
- Sustainable development
- Alternative dispute resolution

## Special Interests

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- Botany
- Kayaking
- Gardening
- Traveling