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EDUCATION

Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University
Boston, MA

- Ph.D., Nutrition **In Progress**
- 2012 – 2015 Friedman Fellow
- M.S., Nutrition **May 2012**
- GPA: 3.98

The University of Kansas
Lawrence, KS

- B.A., Philosophy and Religious Studies **May 2009**
- Graduated Summa Cum Laude
- GPA: 4.0

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University **Boston, MA**
Research Assistant **February 2011 – Present**

- Collaborating with faculty and students on an USDA-AFRI regional food systems project that seeks to address underserved populations in the Northeast
- Collecting and analyzing agricultural data to estimate productive capacity and spatial concentration of food crop production

Agricultural Marketing Service, United States Department of Agriculture **Boston, MA**
Directed Study Intern **September – December 2011**

- Designed assessment tools for regional food hubs, their buyers and suppliers to measure hubs' community impacts and to also be used in a national USDA survey of food hubs

The Emily Taylor Women's Resource Center
Lawrence, KS

Project Coordinator, International Women's Handbook Project **May 2007 – May 2009**

- Organized focus groups, compiled research, wrote and published an ESL-accessible handbook for international women students at The University of Kansas

EMPLOYMENT

Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University **Boston, MA**
Teaching Assistant **June 2012 – Present**

- Assisting with design, instruction and management of a graduate-level course on the American agricultural and food system

National Family Farm Coalition
Washington, D.C.
Policy Intern

May – August 2011

- Researched and wrote briefing papers, letters and press releases on commodity policy, farmers' access to credit, dairy pricing and anti-trust enforcement in agriculture
- Presented Coalition priorities to Administration officials at The White House

Harvesters – The Community Food Network
Kansas City, MO AmeriCorps VISTA Member
May 2009 – May 2010

- Analyzed census and food bank distribution data to develop a systematic approach to combat food insecurity in 16 Kansas counties
- Established and managed the Rural Mobile Food Pantry program in 25 towns by recruiting, inspecting and training local organizations to run monthly distributions of fresh, healthy food

Agency Relations Coordinator **June 2010 – August 2010**

- Promoted to a staff position at Harvesters after completing a year of VISTA service for the organization
- Increased food distribution by almost 2000 percent by recruiting and training for over 60 new programs

LEADERSHIP

Slow Food Tufts

Boston, MA

Cafeteria Campaign Coordinator **September 2010 – September 2012**

- Working with students, faculty and staff to increase the availability of healthy, sustainable food on campus

Douglas County Food Policy Council

Lawrence, KS

Youth Representative and Executive Committee Member **October 2009 – August 2010**

- The youngest member appointed by the County Commission to the community's first food policy council
- Elected to the Executive Committee by the council to serve as a liaison to the County Commission

Oxfam America, The University of Kansas

Lawrence, KS

Founder and President **July 2008 – May 2009**

- Planned events, such as a biofuels panel, that brought diverse stakeholders together and encouraged a balanced debate of critical issues

HONORS AND AWARDS

National

- The Phi Beta Kappa Society, inducted May 2009
- The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, inducted November 2008
- The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans
 Missouri Scholar Scholarship, April 2005

Tufts University

- Ellen H. Block Fellow, September 2010 – May 2012

The University of Kansas

- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
 Nelson Scholar in Philosophy and Religious Studies, May 2008
 Mount Oread Scholar, Fall 2005 – Spring 2009
- Department of Philosophy
 Warner A. Morse Prize in the History of Philosophy, Spring 2009

Warner A. Morse Scholarship, Fall 2008

- Department of Religious Studies

Lynn Taylor Memorial Award, May 2008

Zelma McIlvain Religious Studies Scholarship, May 2007 and May 2008