

EDUCATION

Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University

Boston, MA

In Progress

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

May 2012

The University of Kansas

Lawrence, KS

May 2009

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

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University

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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

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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
AmeriCorps VISTA Member

Kansas City, MO
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
Cafeteria Campaign Coordinator

Boston, MA
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
Youth Representative and Executive Committee Member

Lawrence, KS
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
Founder and President

Lawrence, KS
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 McIllvain Religious Studies Scholarship, May 2007 and May 2008