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PROFILE

Passionate about Global Affairs & Business, Sustainable Urban Infrastructure, Transit-Oriented Development, Civil & Public Service, Resiliency, Transportation, Entrepreneurship, Startups, Nonprofits, Mass Communication

Key Capabilities - Experienced Program Manager and International Impact Volunteer, Adept Cultural Integrator, Advanced Fluency in Spanish, Accomplished Sustainability Professional, Competent Group Leader and Teaming Expert, Proficient with Microsoft Office

Dual Citizen of United States-United Kingdom, Sri Lankan-American - Traveled to 30 Countries, 43 U.S. States

CPAA - Certified Public Address Announcer (National Association of Sports Public Address Announcers 2010)

EXPERIENCE

AmeriCorps, Seattle, WA, USA

AUGUST 2020 – PRESENT

Program Associate, National Civilian Community Corps

- Liaise between AmeriCorps, federal agency partners, and private contractors as Level II Contracting Officer Representative supervising contracts involving accreditation trainings, sign language services, and supplies for corps members
- Procured lodging for over 500 AmeriCorps and FEMA Corps service members throughout 11 statewide mission assignments that provided COVID-19 vaccinations to underserved communities and totaled over \$1.5M in funding
- Received 1 of 3 agency-wide, annual Performance Awards, as well as a Supplemental Performance Award, due to exceptional work ratings
- Represented AmeriCorps NCCC on Federal Asian Pacific American Council organizing committee and as Combined Federal Campaign Keyworker
- Completed 40+ course credits through AmeriCorps University and Defense Acquisition University

Peace Corps, La Mesa, Los Santos Province, Panama

FEBRUARY 2019 – MARCH 2020

Community Environmental Conservation Volunteer

- Enhanced local communities' access to environmental, educational, and financial resources while contributing to Peace Corps Panama's sustainable development cycles at the local, provincial, and national levels
- Convened stakeholders, including MiAmbiente (Panama's Ministry of Environment), 40+ *Padres de Familia* (parents of local students), 7 *Comité Ambiental* (local environmental committee) members, and 600+ community inhabitants, to initiate trash management, reforestation, and water management projects
- Established youth development activities and sustainable agriculture practices at C.E.B.G. La Mesa, a local school with 10 teachers and 80 students that is rated as one of the most sustainably advanced schools in Panama, while teaching English, Natural Sciences, and Physical Education courses utilizing MEDUCA (Panama's Ministry of Education) curriculum
- Partnered with school caretakers to adopt trash classification, lead monthly trash cleanups, develop seed planting and crop harvesting cycles, and create community's first water management committee

Clean Energy Trust, Chicago, IL, USA

JUNE 2014 – AUGUST 2018

Program Manager

- Directed Cleantech University Prize program, a U.S. Department of Energy-sponsored business plan competition, by programming annual events, recruiting 70+ student-led cleantech companies, partnering with 25+ universities, and writing 3 year, \$225k grant extension to establish Clean Energy Trust as Midwest coordinator
- Managed Clean Jobs Midwest, a comprehensive clean energy employment survey covering 12 states, that aligned with the Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition, a network of 230+ clean energy businesses formed to gain legislative support for raising Midwest energy efficiency and renewable energy standards
- Oversaw application recruitment and intake platforms for annual 501vc™ Investment Program, which invested \$3.8M in 23 early-stage companies that raised \$53M in follow-on-funding from 2014-2018
- Onboarded 20+ Northwestern Kellogg and University of Chicago Booth MBA students for quarterly intern program as well as 100+ students for partnership with University of Illinois-Chicago's Summer Institute on Sustainability
- Regulated info@cleanenergytrust.org communications and administered follow-up milestone tracking with portfolio companies through quarterly surveys and reports
- Lead grant writer, communications coordinator, and research analyst for partnerships with Argonne National Laboratory and Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory

Business of Culture, London, United Kingdom

JUNE 2012 - SEPTEMBER 2012

Manager, The Africa Centre

- Specialized in strategic planning, business and organizational development, and management services to the cultural and creative industries for an international consultancy
- Curated museum exhibits, venue and exhibit bookings, as well as accounting and bookkeeping
- Initiated marketing strategies to boost The Africa Centre's exposure during the London 2012 Summer Olympics

American Efficient, San Francisco, CA, USA

MARCH 2011 - MAY 2012

Business & Product Analytics Intern

- Input foundational data into new company database through onsite and remote technical analysis; reviewed 750+ state-specific energy efficiency/renewable policies and incentives
- Collaborated with utilities nationwide to inform customers on how to buy energy-efficient products
- Developed startup company website, policies, and procedures with executive team

EDUCATION**University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, USA**

JUNE 2010 - MAY 2014

Bachelor of Arts in History

- Volunteered weekly at local nonprofit organizations including Alachua County Humane Society, Habitat for Humanity, and Ronald McDonald House with Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity
- Raised money for service initiatives with Kappa Sigma Fraternity including Dance Marathon, the largest student-run philanthropy in the Southeast US, which raised \$4.3M from 2011-2014 and benefitted 150,000 children's hospital patients
- Assisted prospective study abroad students through weekly office hours, individual advising, information presentations, pre-departure and reentry sessions, and quarterly fairs as a Study Abroad Peer Advisor with the UF International Center

Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Seville, Spain

SEPTEMBER 2012 - MAY 2013

Hispanic Studies with International Studies Abroad

- Studied Spanish business, culture, history, language, and politics through year-long immersion program

ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS**Chicago Council on Global Affairs**

SEPTEMBER 2016 – PRESENT

Young Professionals Network Member

- Immersed with global affairs content, research, and connections through nonpartisan organization that convenes leading global voices, conducts independent research, and influences the discourse on critical global issues

Children's Place Association

AUGUST 2017 – PRESENT

Children's Place International Junior Board Member

- Assisted Junior Board in raising \$150,000 for Place the Hope Campaign, benefiting partners in Africa and the Caribbean who help children overcome extreme poverty by supporting their health, nutrition, and educational needs

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MARCH 2017 – PRESENT

Social University Community Member

- Committed to volunteer opportunities, thought leadership activities, and networking events at professional development platform that curates experiences spanning the arts, entrepreneurship, policy, well-being, and social impact

Pangea Educational Development (PED)

JULY 2017 – PRESENT

Volunteer

- Sourced 40 donors to contribute \$1,138, as part of \$10k summer charity campaign, supporting PED's literacy programs in Uganda including training for teachers, books for students, and a community center for after school activities