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Conservation biologist with a dual focus in ecology and environmental law and policy seeking a new academic position.

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Education

Oregon State University Environmental Sciences Graduate Program

- Graduate Teaching Assistant for Integrative Biology 22XZ (2021 - ongoing)
  - Honors TA 2023 – 2025
  - Mentor TA 2025 – 2026
- Co-author of paper on CUREs in undergraduate biology education, available at https://doi.org/10.24918/cs.2025.21 via CourseSource.
- Honors College Application Essay Reader (2023 - 2024)
- Key courses include: Environmental analysis, wildland fire science and management, the fluid earth (atmospheric and oceanic climate science), carbon sequestration in forests, IB GTA seminar, course design and methods.
- 2020-2021 Oregon State University Provost's Distinguished Graduate Scholarship
- Research on climate change adaptation and mitigation policy with Advisor Brent Steel (OSU School of Public Policy).

University of Michigan Law School/ School of Natural Resources and Environment Dual Degree: J.D. and Masters in Conservation Biology, May 2013

- Leader, Women in Science and Engineering Master's Thesis Writing Group (2012 and 2013)
- Articles Editor, Michigan Journal of Environmental and Administrative Law (2011 and 2012)
- Clyde A. Dewitt Merit scholarship, University of Michigan Law School
- Dean's Scholarship, University of Michigan Law School
- Key courses include: environmental law, administrative law, natural resources law, transnational law, water law, ecological risk assessment, fluvial and forest ecology (with labs).
- Thesis on the 2012 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, analyzing international treaty agreements and bilateral water policy, with advisors Professor Hall (UM Law) and Professor Wiley (SNRE). Available at UM DeepBlue or via academia.edu

Whitman College (Walla Walla, WA)

- B.A., Environmental Studies and Sociology, with honors, May 2008.
- Summa cum laude, GPA: 3.927
- Order of Waiilatpu (academic honors society), Whitman College 2007
- Thesis on "Invasive weed management and the formation of new alliances and new divisions within the environmental movement" presented at the Society for Conservation Biology, 2006.

Experience

Law Fellow, Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts, July 2017 to July 2018

- Created law fellow position, including co-writing grant for funding, to significantly expand pro bono program.
- Managing land trusts requests for pro bono help with thorough legal research and analysis, saving members over $100,000 in legal fees.
- Reviewed conservation easement and fee acquisition documents for clients.
- Presentations and guidance documents on environmental law, tax law, and real property.

Tutor, Tutor Doctor, July 2016 to January 2023

- Private tutor for high school and college students specializing in math, chemistry and biology, and test-preparation skills.
- Client management, scheduling, referrals.
- Created and taught free SAT prep classes for students from the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization in Portland OR.

Project Coordinator, North Clackamas Urban Watershed Council, May to Dec. 2015

- Took immediate control of an organization in transition as interim Project Coordinator.
- Managed 120+ Streamside Steward Restoration projects.
- Created new reporting strategy for grant partners with significantly reduced staff time saving hundreds of dollars of Council funding.

PSU Hatfield Fellow at Bonneville Power Administration, July to February 2013

- Environmental Protection Specialist for the Fish and Wildlife projects department at BPA headquarters.
- Ensured compliance for contracts of many types, durations, and dollar values with federal environmental regulations including NEPA, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act.
- Learned and maintained programs for document management and legal compliance.

Law Clerk, ConservationStrategy LLC, Summer 2012.

- Assistant to Mark Van Putten, President and CEO of small environmental law firm.
- Researched and briefed private lands conservation strategies, independently developing new database for small forestry conservation groups for clients.

Leadership and Public Service:

- Volunteer for the South Corvallis Food Bank (2025 – ongoing)
- Executive Committee member, Sustainable Future Section, Oregon State Bar (2019)
- Representative, Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion (2018)
- Editor, Climate Change Task Force Report, Oregon State Bar (2017)

Skills, Activities, and Interests

- Languages: French (conversational), Spanish (beginner level), Mandarin Chinese (beginner level).
- Proficient with computer programs: Stella, R, GIS, and HEC DSS-Vue statistical and modeling programs. Microsoft Office including Excel, Sharepoint, Publisher, and Project.
- Enjoys hiking and nature, swimming and SCUBA, reading, cooking and baking.