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Education:

St. Paul's School, Concord, NH **September 2004 – June 2008**
Middlebury College Language Schools (Spanish) **June 2011 – August 2011**
Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT (GPA: 3.74) **February 2009 – May 2012**

Relevant Experience

Thomas J. Watson Fellowship **July 2012 – July 2013**
• 1 year of travel in Malawi, South Africa, India and Nepal exploring social justice problems and communities demanding solutions, with a special emphasis on climate change.

Bi-Weekly Columnist, *The Middlebury Campus* **September 2010-January 2012**
<http://www.middleburycampus.com/category/opinions/the-id-and-the-eco/>

Senior Admissions Fellow (4 hours/week) **September 2011-January 2012**
• Conducting hour-long info sessions for prospective students and families at Middlebury College
• Participation in the reading and conferencing of applications

Health in Harmony

Indonesian based non-profit dedicated to creating sustainable livelihoods via health care and forest conservation and restoration in the villages surrounding Gunung Palung National Park, in Western Borneo.

Member of Board of Directors **January 2011 - Present**

Health in Harmony Volunteer (70 hours / week, 10 weeks) **June – August 2010**
• Produced analysis of baseline health, socioeconomic and environmental data collected in program area
• Produced reforestation wiki (http://www.alamsehatlestari.org/forestrestor/index.php?title=Main_Page)
• Designed and grant-wrote a hyper-efficient stove project for local distribution for 4000 people
• Assisted with monitoring and policing of illegal logging inside Gunung Palung National Park

Grist.org Panel of Experts (COP-15) **December 2009**
Contributing Blogger (<http://grist.org/series/2009-12-01-copenhagen-panel-cop15-climate/>)

Canadian Youth Delegation to COP-15 **August-November 2009**

Co-Chair, Policy Team (10 hours/week, 4 months)

A group of Canadian young people committed to improving Canadian climate policy, both domestically and within the UNFCCC process.

- Drafting of official Policy Statement (submitted as formal recommendation to Environment Canada)
- Production of briefings for fellow delegates on specific UNFCCC issues
- Production of briefings for Canadian youth on Canadian climate policy and CYD principles

1Sky Campaign

June -August 2009

A grassroots climate campaign committed to mobilizing thousands of grassroots allies toward the passage of bold climate and energy legislation in the United States.

Assistant Policy Analyst (50 hours / week, 10 weeks)

- Drafting of weekly policy update for 1Sky allies
- Policy analysis and interpretation of the American Clean Energy and Security Act (H.R 2454)
- Scheduling and attending Congressional lobby meetings
- Drafting of 'Dear Colleague' / sign-on letters to improve specific dimensions of proposed legislation

Veerayatan

September – December 2008

A socio-religious NGO working throughout India to improve the lives of the rural underserved through the establishment of quality and accessible healthcare, educational, and vocational training institutions

Volunteer, Jakhania Campus, Kutch, Gujarat (100 hours / week, 3 months)

- Wrote fundraising materials / grants to facilitate:
 - The establishment of five schools in the earthquake prone region of Kutch, Gujarat
 - The operation of a major-eye camp (1000 operations) in the recently flooded regions of Bihar
 - Distribution of food, water, and shelter in the recently flooded regions of Bihar

TakingITGlobal

July-August 2008

Climate Change Program Assistant (50 hours / week, 2 months)

- Project support for the Canadian Youth Delegation to COP-14
- Blogged extensively on the UNFCCC session in Accra, Ghana, held in August, 2008 (<http://www.tigblog.org/group/accessaccra>)
- Produced general and issue- specific (REDD/LULUCF/Bunker Fuels) policy briefings

St. Paul's School

September 2005 – June 2008

- Head of Student / Faculty Communications for the Environmental Stewardship Committee (3 years)
- Head of Eco-Action (100 member student run environmental action group) (2 years)
- January 2008: Managed school's Green Cup Challenge efforts (competition to reduce per capita electricity usage by the greatest margin between 31 U.S. prep schools) (<http://www.greenschoolsalliance.org/greencup/index.html>) (placed 3rd overall)

Conferences / Events

Climate Action Network (CAN) Equity Summit, Chennai, India

October 20-24, 2008

Representative of CAN-RAC (CAN-Canada)

COP-15, Copenhagen, Denmark

December 7-18, 2009

Co-Chair, Policy Team, Canadian Youth Delegation

New Hampshire Student Environmental Summit

April 11, 2010

Keynote Speaker

Book Launch: Next Generation Democracy by Jared Duval

December 2, 2010

Panelist

Awards:

- *Pelican* Medal (awarded to the Editor-in-Chief of the school newspaper – *The Pelican*)
- Burke Biodiversity Award (\$1000 environmental grant)
- Heckscher Prize (\$500 grant)
- Ambassador Kenneth Franzheim Award for Citizenship and School Service (Junior Year – High School)
- Rector's Medal for Special Recognition in School Service (Senior Year – High School)
- Middlebury College Citation for Public Service and Leadership (Sophomore Year - College)
- Middlebury College Student Government Association Award for Outstanding Campus Leader (Senior Year – College)

Skills:

- Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Internet
- Proficient in ArcGIS, Idrisi Taiga, and cartographic design
- Advanced Hindi, Intermediate Spanish
- Video production and editing
- STATA