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Career interests: International and regional sustainable coastal tourism development; integrated coastal management; coastal conservation and policy.

EDUCATION

MASTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, May 2008

Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences
Duke University, Durham, NC

Master's project: A preliminary carrying capacity and tourism development assessment for the island province of Kadavu, Fiji.

Studied ecotourism, environmental law, marine policy, green/sustainable design.

Professional activities: Member, The International Ecotourism Society, 2007-2008.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, Honors, March 2005

University of California, Santa Barbara, CA

Major: Aquatic science. GPA 3.69 of 4.0.

Independent honors thesis: Evaluation of 10-year best management practice implementation in Morro Bay Watershed, California.

Study abroad/Research: University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia Fall 2004. Ecotourism focused project proposal and tidal flat mollusk research.

Activities: Provost Honors Council Departmental Representative, 2003-2004; Captain Women's Ultimate Frisbee Team, 2003-2004.

Honors and Awards: Excellence in Leadership Award, California Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership, 2005; Golden Key Honor Society, 2002-current; Dean's List.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Environmental Unit Project Officer, Institute of Applied Science, University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji

Participated in integrated coastal management strategy meetings and learned how to consider stakeholder concerns and interpersonal relationships within the context of an evolving management plan. Conducted interviews with top government and clan officials to develop key performance indicators and authored a guidance document for future tourism development management. Embraced the cultural practices of the region in order to customarily participate within Fijian society. Summer 2007

Student Consultant, Duke University

CI Marine Managed Area Study: Fiji cultural valuation proposal consultant.

Sustainable Business Strategy: Co-consulted and evaluated economic, social, and environmental sustainability of a regional grocery chain.

Adaptive Ecosystem Management: Wrote and recommended improvements for integrated coastal management system along the Coral Coast, Fiji.

Human Rights, Indigenous People, and Development: Wrote and presented a recommendation plan on issues of land, governance, UN Declaration of Indigenous Peoples Human Rights, and economics for a Maori NGO. 2006-2008

Corporate Board Alumni Chair, California Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership,

Managed Alumni programs, assisted in re-structuring mission statement and by-laws for non-profit corporation, and led young leader volunteer trainings. 2004-2006

Perceptibility Test Consultant/ Teacher, The Princeton Review. 2002-2008

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Presenter: *Tourism Development in Kadavu Province, Fiji*, Beaufort, NC, 2007

Mentor Program Development Committee, Duke Center for LGBT Life, 2006-2008

Earth Day Committee Chair, Volunteer Coordinator, 2007

Open Water SCUBA certified (SSI).