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Executive Summary

Sustainability professional passionate about social change. Areas of specialization are climate change and resiliency, zero waste, and recycling and waste policy. Experienced in working remotely. Proficient in Spanish.

Education

University of South Florida Master of Sustainability August 2020
Concentration in Climate Change

University of South Florida Bachelor of Applied Science in Social Sciences May 2008
Concentrations in International Relations and African Studies

Environmental Experience

Zero Waste Policy Alternatives

Conservation Law Foundation

- Advocate for research-based zero waste legislation at the state level through an environmental justice lens
Initiate and implement large-scale reuse systems across New England to prevent and reduce waste
Research how communities would best be supported by and benefit from zero waste legislation
Collaborate with regional environmental organizations to advocate for zero waste legislation and educate the public

US Patel College of Social Sciences

Graduate Student Researcher

May 2020- August 2020

- Researched the intersections of race, class, and abilities in the Zero Waste movement to satisfy Capstone requirement for completion of graduate degree
Analyzed current best practices in Zero Waste which create greater accessibility for more people to participate in the movement, thus mitigating both the waste crisis and climate change
Developed solutions via a Systems Thinking lens to increase level of participation in the Zero Waste movement

City of Dunedin Patel College of Social Sciences

Graduate Student Consultant

January 2018- May 2018

- Researched viable funding options for the City of Dunedin, FL to implement public solar energy projects on local government buildings
Consulted with local government officials to help determine most economically feasible funding options

permitted as a consultant

Organize fundraisers and recruit financial partners to support SMASH's mission to address the housing needs of vulnerable residents affected by climate gentrification
Research, write, and edit grants and LOI's
Advise on affordable housing campaigns, particularly around the creation of Miami's first Community Land Trust

Freelance Grant Writer

January 2020- Present

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Prepare LOI's and full grant proposals for several different non-profits to help diversify and meet funding needs
Document and securely maintain client information via Dropbox and Google platforms
Provide consultation to non-profits in program development to increase their likelihood of receiving grants

Trainee

June 2019-July 2019

Collected data for the Better Bus Campaign, an effort to sustainably redesign the county bus network to increase efficiency and ridership
Provided education to the community about the campaign in both Spanish and English

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