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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director, Working Lands, Environmental Defense Fund, Raleigh NC

Collaborate with farmers, global companies, scientists, and agricultural organizations to develop science and economics-based solutions to major environmental challenges in agriculture. Lead EDF's effort to quantify the financial value of resilient agriculture and incorporate that value to the mainstream agriculture financial system. Authored report "[Financing Resilient Agriculture](#)" in 2020 and co-authored report "[Farm Finance and Conservation](#)" in 2018. June 2011 – present.

Previous positions at EDF:

- Senior Manager, 2018-2020
- Manager, 2016-2018
- Project Manager, 2015
- Senior Policy Analyst, 2014
- Policy Analyst, 2011-2013

Agriculture Policy Intern, U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee, Washington DC

Assessed policy options for the Illinois River watershed in Arkansas, including water quality trading and beneficial uses of poultry litter. Developed a side-by-side comparison of Senate Chesapeake Bay bills. Met with USDA officials and constituents, informed Committee staff of briefing and hearing proceedings. June – August 2010

Research Assistant, Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, Durham NC

Analyzed policy instruments utilized in land use planning for the provision of water-related ecosystem services, focusing on methods to overcome the jurisdictional mismatch between political and ecosystem boundaries. Surveyed the state-of-the-art in current applications throughout the United States and synthesized guidelines for best practices. 2009 – 2011

Economic Research Analyst, Industrial Economics Inc., Cambridge MA

Contributed to survey development and analyzed focus group results for a conjoint valuation survey of visibility improvements in national parks for the US National Park Service. Conducted a comparative assessment of communities with and without waste-to-energy technology for the US EPA. 2007 – 2009

EDUCATION

MASTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, May 2011

Nicholas School of the Environment
Duke University, Durham, NC

Master's project: Voices of North Carolina Agriculture: Current Issues and Innovations in Farmland Preservation.

Coursework concentration: Environmental economics and policy.

Honors: Doris Duke Conservation Fellowship.

BACHELOR OF ARTS, *cum laude*, May 2007

Tufts University, Medford, MA

Dual Major: Political Science and Economics.

Extracurriculars: Competed as a heptathlete in the varsity track & field program. Elected captain and awarded the Bennett Memorial Scholarship Prize for Sportsmanship.

SERVICE

Commissioner, North Carolina Environmental Management Commission.

Appointed by the Governor to the 15-member Commission responsible for adopting rules for the protection, preservation, and enhancement of the state's air and water resources. July 2019 – present.

Mentor, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Triangle. October 2018 – present.