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EDUCATION

Cornell University

August 2007-Present

- Master of Science in Applied Economics and Management; Concentration in Public Policy Analysis
- Teaching Assistant in AEM 424: Management Strategy
- Thesis under Dr. Brent Gloy and Dr. Andrew Novakovic: "The Potential of Biofuels to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the United States Under Various Policy Scenarios"

Southern Illinois University Carbondale

August 2003-May 2007

- Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Information; Minor in Agribusiness Economics
- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science; Minors in Environmental Studies, Speech Communication
- Honors Thesis in Agribusiness Economics under Dr. Steven Kraft: "Conservation Security Program: Legislative History, Implementation, and Participant Characteristics"
- Graduated with Summa Cum Laude Honors with the distinction of Valedictorian

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Environmental and Energy Study Institute, Washington, D.C.

May 2008-August 2008

Agriculture and Energy Policy Intern

- Research on state advanced biofuel policy, cellulosic biofuels, energy security, climate change, sustainable agriculture, conservation easements, and federal energy research and development initiatives.
- Assisted writing RFS renewable biomass testimony, *State Policymakers Guide to Advanced Biofuel Incentives*, *Bioenergy Climate Protection*, and *Oil Reduction Newsletter* articles, briefing notices, and factsheets.
- Report on agricultural, environmental, and energy-related hearings and briefings.

Office of U.S. Senator Richard J. Durbin, Washington, D.C.

May 2007-July 2007

Congressional Intern

- Work pertinent to CLEAN Energy Act of 2007 and 2007 Farm Bill including analyzing legislative language, tracking amendments, appropriations research, briefing cases, and summaries of statements on the Congressional Record.
- Report on House Agriculture Subcommittee hearings/ markups, environmental & energy-related briefings and hearings.
- Led U.S. Capitol tours, greeted visitors at front desk, answered phones, and assisted with constituent correspondence.

USDA Foreign Agricultural Service, Washington, D.C.

June 2006-August 2006

Economic Assistant Internship, Sustainable Agriculture and Resource Management Team

- Wrote white paper titled, "U.S. Ethanol and Biodiesel Production and Policy."
- Wrote report titled, "Ethanol Production and Acreage Changes: United States, Brazil, China, and India."
- Briefed senior staff of Research and Scientific Exchanges Division on biofuel trade, policy, and production.
- Rural Development Under Secretary Tom Dorr, NCGA Vice President of Public Policy Jon Doggett, and myself were interviewed for the RFD-TV show *FFA Today*, "Special Report: Renewable Energy."

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Southern Illinois University Carbondale**, Carbondale, Illinois August 2006-April 2008
Paraprofessional, College of Agricultural Sciences Dean's Office
- Editor of College's semesterly newsletter.
 - Created public relations material and factsheets for College events and recruitment.
 - Organized industry booth exhibits at Agriculture Industry Day.

- Mr. John Caupert** August 2002-October 2006
Contract Work
- Created PowerPoint presentations for John Caupert, National Corn Growers Association Director of Commercialization and Business Development, and Romer Labs, Inc. North America Area Manager.
 - Utilized in over 50 countries.
 - Wrote white paper titled, "Biomass Conversion to Ethanol."
 - Utilized by NCGA, 26 state corn grower associations, Renewable Fuels Association, and congressional staff in Washington, D.C.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association**, St. Louis, Missouri August 2008-September 2008
Volunteer
- Assisted New Ventures and Capital Formation Project Coordinator in organizing and securing speakers for a biodiesel feedstock symposium for CenterGreen, a new regionally-based think tank.
 - Briefed project coordinator on current biodiesel issues, policy, and feedstock trends; and on the organizational structure and operation of a Washington, D.C.-based non-profit organization.

- National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center**, Edwardsville, Illinois September 2006-Present
Volunteer, Externship
- Created PowerPoint presentations related to perspectives of ethanol research: ethanol plant managers, DDGS marketers, and Washington, D.C. insiders.

ACTIVITIES

- Applied Economics and Management Graduate Student Association 2007-2008
President, 2008
- Alpha Zeta Honorary Professional Agricultural Fraternity 2004-2008
High Council Alumni Representative, 2007-2009
Chancellor of Illinois Beta and Cornell Chapters, 2006-2008
- Sigma Alpha Professional Agricultural Sorority 2005-2007
National Board Director (Professional Development/Leadership Chair, Newsletter Editor), 2007-2008
- Agbassadors® Recruitment Team 2004-2007
- Agricultural Student Advisory Council 2005-2007
President, 2006-2007; Public Relations Chair, 2005-2006
- Environmental Ambassador 2007
- Undergraduate Student Government Senator 2004-2006
- U.S. Grains Council / FFA International Collegiate Agricultural Leadership Team, *Morocco and Spain* 2006
- National FFA Costa Rica Proficiency Seminar 2004

AWARDS

- College of Agricultural Sciences Outstanding Senior Award 2007
- Service to Southern Award 2007
- USA Today* All-USA College Academic Team Member 2006, 2007
- Lincoln Academy of Illinois Student Laureate 2006
- Presidential Volunteer Service Award 2006
- Morris K. Udall Honorable Mention Scholar 2005, 2006