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EDUCATION

Northeastern University, J.D., School of Law (Boston, MA)

May 2012

Chair: Human Rights Caucus, International Law Society

Fellow: Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy (2010 and 2012)

Teaching Assistant: Torts (2010) and International Law (2011)

Indiana University, B.A., Kelley School of Business (Bloomington, IN)

May 2009

Majors: International Business, Management, Legal Studies; Minors: Economics, Spanish Board of Aeons, Kelley Scholarship, Mitte Honors Society, IU Auditorium, Phi Mu Fraternity Study Abroad: Semester at Sea (multiple locations), Mexico, India, Germany, Costa Rica

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of Experiential Education, The Media School (Bloomington, IN)

Sept 2017 – Present

Facilitate hands-on, out-of-classroom programs for journalism, media and game design students at Indiana University. Coordinate and oversee field experience courses that send students abroad for 1-6 weeks. Manage service-learning opportunities with the National Parks Service and local partners. Oversee domestic career development and professional training opportunities. Support media-based student organizations.

Founder and Co-Director, The Rich Coast Project (Limón, Costa Rica)

Aug 2012 – Present

Founded nonprofit participatory archiving project dedicated to advocating for the land rights and cultural heritage of Afro-descendant communities in Costa Rica. Facilitated the development of community-driven archival content through grassroots organizing. Coordinated volunteers and service-learning programs, developed online presence, and managed budgeting and fundraising.

General Administrator, Hotel Puerto Viejo (Puerto Viejo, Limón, Costa Rica)

Feb 2017 - June 2017

Oversaw all aspects of facility, personnel and customer service management. Spearheaded and coordinated calendar of community activities, including multimedia youth workshops and a public art symposium.

Editor, American Journal Experts (Remote)

Sept 2015 - Sept 2017

Provide professional editing services for PhD-level academic papers by non-native English speakers.

Legal Reporter, Courthouse News Service (Boston and New York City)

March 2014 - Sept 2015

Reported on civil cases filed in County and Federal Courts, developing daily reports for law firm and civil society subscribers.

Admissions Representative, Northeastern University School of Law (Boston, MA)

Aug 2012 – June 2013

Traveled extensively throughout U.S. to represent law school at admissions events. Assisted with admissions decision-making, aid disbursements, recruitment of Public Interest Law Scholars, and day-to-day operations.

House Manager, Indiana University Auditorium (Bloomington, IN)

Jan 2006 – May 2009

Organized, coordinated and executed events at 3,200-seat venue and oversaw all aspects of seating, safety and satisfaction of patrons. Responsible for hiring, training and retention of team of 40 student managers and 500 volunteer ushers.

COOPERATIVE LEGAL EDUCATION

PHRGE Fellowship (Puerto Viejo, Costa Rica)	Feb 2012 – May 2012
Governo Law Firm (Boston, MA)	May 2011 – Aug 2011
The Legal Aid Society Employment Law Center (San Francisco, CA)	Dec 2010 – Feb 2011
Physicians for Human Rights (Cambridge, MA)	June 2010 – Aug 2010

TEACHING & STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Case Study Author and Facilitator, Young Women's Institute (Bloomington, IN)

2016, 2017

Developed and delivered case study on indigenous women's cacao cooperative in Talamanca, Costa Rica, to a group of young women attending a business summer program at the Kelley School of Business.

Internship Supervisor, Santa Clara University School of Law (Talamanca, Costa Rica)

2015

Directly supervised law student intern through Human Rights in the Americas Program, providing training in community field documentation of the Right to Health and supporting research memoranda.

Internship Supervisor, Northeastern University School of Law (Boston, MA)

2014

Directly supervised law student intern in school's Cooperative Legal Education program, providing training in community field documentation, the development of supporting research memoranda, and the publication of an article addressing the historical and political context of local land rights struggles in Costa Rica.

Community Partner, Northeastern University School of Law (Boston, MA)

2013 - 2015

Admitted 2012

Admitted 2014 Joined 2018

Worked with small groups of law students in Social Justice Program to address issues of international, environmental and human rights law to prepare written and digital reports advising advocates in Costa Rica.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Women's Philanthropy Leadership Council Grant	2018	
Student Community Service Grant, Indiana Campus Compact	2018, 2019	
PHRGE Fellowship, NUSL Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy Grant	2010, 2012	
CONTINUED TRAINING AND EDUCATION		
Course Development Institute, Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning	2018	
USAID Land Tenure and Property Rights, Canvas Network	2017	
200-Hour Yoga Teacher Training, Caribe Yoga Academy, Puerto Viejo, Costa Rica	2016	
Documentary Photography with Lucas Iturriza, Puerto Viejo, Costa Rica	2015	
Visual Justice: Documentary Film and Human Rights, Harvard Law School	2013	
Bond Hearing and Know Your Rights, Pro Bono Training by AILA	2013	
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS		

SERVICE, SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Bloomington Rotary Club (Chair of Youth Services Committee)

IU Auditorium Alumni Association (Chair of Communications Committee)

WFHB Community Radio (Volunteer DJ)

NAFSA (Association of International Educators)

Fluent in Spanish

Massachusetts State Bar

New York State Bar

Microsoft Office Suite; Adobe Illustrator

Web Development and Design

Areas of Interest: Human rights, International law, Nonprofit law and management, Sustainable development, Social entrepreneurship, Property rights, Sharing economy, Corporate social responsibility; Rural issues