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(A) Education

The University of Kansas	Lawrence, Kansas	Journalism	B.S. 2006
The University of Kansas	Lawrence, Kansas	History	B.A. 2006
The University of Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI	Natural Resources and the Environment	M.S. 2011
The Global Reporting Initiative	New York, NY	Certified	2016
Harvard University	Cambridge, MA	Executive Education for Sustainability Leadership	2019

(B) Work Experience

October 2022 - present Sustainability Program Manager, City of Cedar Rapids

- Oversees the implementation of the City's Community Climate Action Plan
- Leads City sustainability initiatives externally and internally, including long-term strategy and planning across City departments
- Develop and maintain partnerships with community organizations and stakeholders to grow visibility, participation, and impact of City initiatives

December 2012 – October 2022 Sustainability and Research Support Manager, The University of Iowa Tippie College of Business

- Lead grants administration and research compliance in the college
- Oversaw sustainability reporting and participation in the United Nations Principles of Responsible Management Education

February 2017 – January 2018 Interim Director Office of Sustainability, The University of Iowa

- Provide guidance on university sustainability strategy
- Support transition of office from facilities management to the provost's office

April 2014 – May 2015 Project Manager, Energy Sustainability Index, The University of Iowa

- Developed an energy sustainability index tool to evaluate biomass fuel sources by examining various economic, social, and environmental indicators

April 2011 – August 2012 Program Coordinator, Great Lakes Observing System

- Managed communications and outreach strategic planning and implementation to ensure products met user needs as part of a service-oriented approach
- Facilitated a modeling and forecasting working group in consultation with Lake Michigan managers, modelers, scientists, and researchers
- Prepared and maintained grant proposals, project plans, and reporting requirements

(C) Relevant experience accomplishments

- Adjunct Lecturer in the Tippie College of Business Department of Marketing for Marketing & Sustainability course (2018-present)
- Honorable Mention for excellence in reporting, United Nations Global Compact PRME SIP (Sharing Information on Progress) Report Award – only report recognized in the U.S.
- Developer: Climate Ready Great Lakes
 - a. Developed educational training modules for Sea Grant Extension Agents that addressed the impact of climate change and how to develop an adaptation plan, highlighting relevant tools available to natural resource managers

(D) Relevant experience accomplishments

Extensive experience leading sustainability programs focused on energy production and GHG reductions. Responsible for multiple successful outreach campaigns with a background in marketing and communications. Thirteen years of experience in grants administration and reporting.