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EDUCATION

DAVID ECCLES SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Salt Lake City, UT

Master of Science in Information Systems

Dec 2015

- 4.0 GPA, Golden Key International Honour Society, merit scholarship

Select Coursework

- Advanced Data Mining (A) – awarded “Best Presentation”
- Data Analysis and Decision Making (A)

GRINNELL COLLEGE

Grinnell, IA

Bachelor of Arts in English and Biology

May 2000

- Phi Beta Kappa invitation, English Department’s top honor (Beulah Bennet Loring Prize), merit scholarship

RELEVANT SKILLS

- Staff and consultant management
- Deep knowledge of the electric sector
- Legislative and regulatory testimony
- Fundraising

EXPERIENCE

SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION, SUSTAINABILITY

Salt Lake City, UT

Utah's capital city with over 2,600 employees.

Nov 2019 – Present

Senior Energy and Climate Program Manager

Implement municipal and community-wide renewable energy and climate goals

- Successfully negotiated an agreement under Rocky Mountain Power’s Schedule 34 tariff for Salt Lake City Corporation to source most of its electricity for government operations from the 80-Megawatt (MW) Elektron Solar Project in Tooele County, beginning in 2024
- Convened Utah local governments to successfully establish an interlocal cooperative known as the Utah Renewable Communities (URC)
- Serve as Salt Lake City’s alternate member on the URC Board and convene the Program Design Committee

SIERRA CLUB, BEYOND COAL CAMPAIGN

Salt Lake City, UT

Environmental organization dedicated to exploring, enjoying, and protecting the planet

Sep 2018 – Nov 2019

Senior Campaign Representative

Direct strategy and coordinate communications, organizing, and legal department efforts across PacifiCorp’s six-state territory

- Engaged in PacifiCorp’s 20-year planning process, called the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)
- Presented detailed financial coal valuation study results to the Clean Air Caucus of the Utah Legislature

SALT LAKE COUNTY, CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

Salt Lake City, UT

Public agency providing effective and innovative alternatives to incarceration

Nov 2017 – Sep 2018

Data Analyst

Produced reports, dashboards, and analyses to measure and improve programs

- Produced near real-time business intelligence dashboards for decision-makers across Pretrial, Probation, and Drug Court programs

ETC GROUP

Salt Lake City, UT

Energy engineering firm dedicated to providing energy efficiency for a sustainable future

Dec 2015 – Nov 2017

Data Scientist and Programmer, Monitoring and Analytics

Developed and implemented advanced analytics to support continuous energy auditing in large facilities

- Coordinated software deployment, data integration, programming, and software training
- Developed statistical models to calculate energy savings achieved through operational improvements and equipment upgrades

HEAL UTAH

Salt Lake City, UT

Salt Lake City nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting Utah’s health and environment

2006 – 2014

Executive Director (2010-2014)

Oversaw programs, staff (four full-time), fundraising, and administration for successful Utah nonprofit organization

- Launched campaign to implement community-level energy choice in Utah, based on the Community Choice Aggregation model
- Managed five program areas (renewable energy, air quality, coal transition, nuclear power, and nuclear waste)
- Designed scope of work for, hired, and managed air quality consultant to review Utah’s pm2.5 air pollution plan

Policy Director (2006–2010)

Served as primary policy analyst and liaison with government agencies

- Successfully petitioned the Utah Radiation Control Board to strengthen nuclear waste rules
- Served on the Energy and Environment subcommittee of Utah Governor Gary Herbert’s Ten-Year Energy Plan