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EXPERIENCE

EVALUATION ASSISTANT FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE PROGRAMS

Hennepin University Partnership

Jan 2026 - Present

- Refine grant application processes to improve accessibility and application completion rates.
- Revise program design and reporting procedures to better meet community needs.

LEADERSHIP AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ASSISTANT

University of Minnesota Extension

Sep 2025 - Present

- Co-develop constructive conflict curriculum that leverages Journey Mapping and Community Capitals Framework to support rural communities facing uncertainty and transition.

RUCKELSHAUS FELLOW

Meridian Institute

August 2023 - July 2025

- Coordinated convenings for the AGree Coalition, a bipartisan farmer-led alliance of producers, researchers, and food companies advancing farm profitability and environmental outcomes.
- Monitored bills that received AGree Coalition endorsement and bills relevant to the Coalition's key focus areas: agricultural data, crop insurance, and diversified farming systems.
- Managed key communications with USDA leadership, including the Deputy Secretary of Agriculture and the Federal Crop Insurance Board.
- Organized a full-day convening to advance finance and insurance solutions for risk-resilient agriculture. This meeting launched a collaborative RFP between EDF, FFAR and Cornell.
- Supported a two-year \$2.6 million grant proposal, which requested \$500,000 more than the previous grant and was approved in full by a team of family foundations.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Minneapolis, MN

Sep 2025 - Present

MS Geographic Information Science

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT HONORS COLLEGE

Burlington, VT

Sep 2018 - May 2022

BA Global Studies

Minors in Soil Science and Economics

AWARDS

- Finalist: Emerson National Hunger Fellowship (2023)
- Commendation Prize: Effective Thesis Exceptional Research Award (2022)
- Presenter: Universities Fighting World Hunger Conference (2022)

SKILLS

Python (Folium, Geopandas, Shapely)
Project Management
Program Evaluation
Grant Writing
Facilitation
Coalition Building
Relationship Management
Chinese and Spanish