

Ellen Currin

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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (May 2015)

B.A. in Geography, minor in Linguistics

GPA: 3.86

Honors Thesis: "The Effects of Visualization on the Spatial Understanding of Borders"

HONORS AND AWARDS

Morehead-Cain Scholarship - nation's first merit scholarship for full tuition, stipend, and enrichment funding.

Phi Beta Kappa- inducted Fall 2014

1st Place, UNC's 2014 Innovative Use of GIS Competition: Solar Siting Suitability Tool and Interactive Map

EXPERIENCE

Southern Environmental Law Center (Chapel Hill, NC)

Primary Web Cartographer, Jan 2015-present

- Designs and builds interactive web maps using leaflet.js, mapbox.js, and turf.js

Nourish International (Chapel Hill, NC)

Co-Director, 2013-2014

Director of Partnerships 2014-2015

Director of Evaluations 2012-2013

Executive Board Member 2011-present

- Co-led 15 person executive board and managed 50+ person general body.
- Oversaw student-run social business ventures (profits +\$20,000/year), and distribution of profits to support community-driven, market-based development projects.
- Strengthened and managed partnerships with local businesses, community orgs, faculty, and mentors.
- Developed metrics to monitor and evaluate ventures, projects, and events.
- Launched "Sprout," a produce-delivery venture in partnership with a local farm.

Matter VC + Startup Accelerator (San Francisco, CA)

Assistant Program Coordinator, May 2014-Aug 2014

- Built a contact management system to handle a growing network of portfolio companies, limited partners, and potential investors.
- Restructured Matter's external media strategy using a Design Thinking process, based on user-centered, prototype-driven innovation.
- Worked with Matter's entrepreneurs to test and give feedback on products, business models, and pitch decks.

GlobalGiving.org (Washington D.C. and Nepal)

In-the-Field Representative, May 2012-Aug 2012

- Conducted workshops about online fundraising for current, potential partners in Nepal.
- Represented GG.org to current and potential partners while conducting onsite project evaluations in Nepal.
- Reported to GG patrons via social media, blog updates, and online Project Reports.

The Sustain Foundation (Carrboro, NC)

Interim Director of Saludamos, Dec 2012-Mar 2013

- Facilitated a weekly cooking group with the Latina participants.
- Worked to build relationships with vendors at the local farmers market.

SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Python (int), JavaScript (adv), CSS (adv), HTML (adv), Visual Basic (beg)

Spanish (fluent), Hindi (basic), Nepali (basic)

WMI Wilderness First Responder Certified

DONA trained birth doula

INTERESTS: Radical cartography. Data Storytelling. Disruptive Innovation. Being outdoors. Curiosity.