BRETT A. LARSON

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Education & Professional Certifications

Court of Master Sommeliers, Certified Sommelier, St. Helena, CA

April 2017

University of Colorado, Denver, CO

December 2013

Master of Social Science (International Studies Track)

Thesis: The Conundrum Between National and Ideational Interests In Foreign Policy Making: Bureaucratic Politics and Operational Code

During the U.S. Participation in Operation Unified Protector

Cumulative GPA: 4.0/4.0

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

May 2010

Bachelor of Arts, International Studies (Thematic Emphasis in International Politics and Relations)

Bachelor of Arts, Spanish Cumulative GPA: 3.32/4.00

Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain

Academic Year 2009

Spanish studies

Cumulative GPA: 3.29/4.00

Developmental Internships

Council for International Visitors to Iowa Cities (CIVIC), Iowa City, Iowa

Summer - Fall 2009

Coordinate visits for US State Department representatives and other international education agencies

Centre for the Co-Operation in the Mediterranean, Barcelona, Spain

Spring 2009

Develop observatory to centralize "best practices" of employment practices carried out by the various Red Cross/Red Crescent national societies in the Mediterranean

Tau Kappa Epsilon International Fraternity, Indianapolis, Indiana

Summer 2007

Manage special projects for the CEO, including assistance with meeting planning, organizing staffing retreats, researching industry trends, and communicating with various stakeholders

Professional Experience

Ariana, Bend, Oregon April 2014-Present OpenTable Top 100 Restaurant in US 2014, 2016 Sommelier

Rioja, Denver, Colorado August 2010 – March 2014 James Beard Best Chef SW 2013 Lead Server

Joseph's Steakhouse, Iowa City, Iowa June 2009 – July 2010 Lead Server

Leadership Experience

Chartering Chapter President - Tau Kappa Epsilon - Lambda Eta (University of Iowa)

Fall 2006 - Spring 2008

Charles R. Walgreen, Jr. Leadership Award

Fall 2008

University of Iowa Interfraternity Council

Academic Year 2007-2008

Charles R. Walgreen, Jr. Leadership Academy XXI Summer 2007