

# AMBER COLLETT

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## EDUCATION

**Yale University, School of Forestry & Environmental Studies** New Haven, CT

Candidate for *Master of Environmental Science*, 2017

- **Focus:** Environmental health, urban green space, urban ecology.
- **Leadership:**
  - Teaching Fellow, Ecological Urban Design
  - Fellow, Ecological Society of America's Earth Stewardship Initiative
  - Social Strategist, Yale Project for Climate Change Communications
  - Social Strategy Director, Urban Ecological Design Lab
  - Social Chair & Co-Captain in training, Yale Cycling Team
  - 2015 Leadership Forum participant, Students and Alumni of Yale/Association of Yale Alumni

**St. Olaf College** Northfield, MN

*BA Environmental Studies, BA Russian Area Studies*, 2007

- Graduated with honors
- Overseas Studies Programs: Environmental Sciences in Australia; Russian Literature in Russia
- Student Leadership: Leader, Environmental Coalition; Student representative, Environmental Concerns Committee; Director, Volunteer Network; Founder, Oles for Alaska; National Organizing Intern, Alaska Coalition; Violinist, St. Olaf Philharmonic Orchestra. North American Association for Environmental Education scholarship recipient

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

**Fourth Sector Consulting** Portland, OR/Minneapolis, MN, Feb. 2012–July 2015

*Consultant & Project Manager*

- Developed and managed innovative communications campaigns involving digital, social, emerging and traditional media;
- Crafted impactful, resonate messages, materials, speeches and presentations that communicated directly to target audiences;
- Developed and maintained organizational systems, meet day-to-day and strategic needs of nonprofit, government and foundation clients;
- Served as a liaison between team members, subcontractors, clients and partners.

**Transit for Livable Communities/Bike Walk Twin Cities**, Minneapolis, MN, Jan. 2010–Jan. 2012

*Communications Associate (40+ hr/week)*

- Developed and executed comprehensive communications strategies and maintained media relations;
- Served as key contact for advocacy, development and executive staff to coordinate organizational communications strategy and outreach;
- Managed intensive neighborhood outreach and coalition work for major events, including developing and maintain relationships with key community stakeholders and organizations.

**Minnesota Public Interest Research Group** Minneapolis, MN, Aug. 2008–Sept. 2009

*Senior Campus Organizer (40+ hr/week)*

- Coordinated statewide campaign objectives including recruiting, training and managing more than 500 volunteers in one year;
- Undertook additional responsibilities and launched and directed new fundraising projects including the creation of a street canvass, alumni fundraising campaigns, and grant proposals;
- Led project to develop comprehensive curriculum for multi-year grassroots organizing training for college students;
- Oversaw and served as a training resource to students on four college campuses across the state.

**Green Corps**, Minneapolis, MN/Boston, MA, Aug. 2007–Aug. 2008

*Grassroots Organizer (40+ hr/week)*

- Selected from more than 2,000 applicants to participate in a year-long fellowship in environmental advocacy and organizing;
- Mobilized more than 300 volunteers and collected more than 3,000 public comments in three months;
- Recruited, trained and directed a staff of 25 at peak office size.

**ADDITIONAL WORK HISTORY & PUBLIC SERVICE**

- Freelance Photographer, Collett Photography, Jan. 2005 – present
- Emerging Leaders Board Member, Oregon Environmental Council, Sept. 2013–July 2015
- Violinist, Oregon Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra, March 2014–March 2015
- Land Use Leadership Initiative Participant, 1000 Friends of Oregon, Jan. 2013–June 2013
- Contributing Writer and Founding Board Member, Streets.mn, Jan. 2012–Aug. 2014
- Co-Founder, Prairie Oaks Youth Leaders for Community Change Program, March 2012–Aug. 2013
- Certified Yoga Instructor, Yoga Institute of Minneapolis, Jan. 2012–Aug. 2012
- Cert. Holistic Health, St. Catherine University, June 2013
- Event Specialist, Northeast Ride, Dec. 2011–July 2012
- Soil and Water District 2 Representative, Hennepin Conservation District Board, Nov. 2010–July 2012 (\*elected position\*)
- Concept Development Consultant, Bike Twin Cities, Jan. 2012–April 2012
- Regional Organizing Consultant, Restoring Eden, Sept. 2009–Dec. 2009

**UNDERGRADUATE WORK HISTORY & SERVICE**

- Campus Campaign Manager, Teach for America, Aug. 2006–May 2007
- Naturalist, St. Olaf College, June 2006–May 2007
- Prospective Student Liaison, Feb. 2004–April 2007
- Grassroots Intern, Alaska Coalition, June 2005–Dec. 2006
- Naturalist, Duluth Community Sailing Association, June 2005–Sept. 2005

**INTERESTS & SKILLS**

- Interests: Physical, environmental and cultural shaping of urban communities: Urban land use policy, social determinants of health, urban green space development and use, civic engagement, neighborhood identity formation, and sense of place.
- Personal Skills/Fun: Training for races of all kinds, bicycling, hiking, backpacking, camping, kayaking, canoeing, swimming, running, gardening and perfecting baking recipes. An avid photographer, occasional woodworker, cyclocross racer and coffee fanatic.