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PERSONAL STATEMENT

The social, environmental, political and international excite me. Collaborating with others drives me and motivates me to pursue diverse settings and fields. I learn quickly and am uncompromising in delivering a quality product. My education and work experiences listed below have provided me with a toolbox of skills – a toolbox I hope to expand and to continue developing in order to positively impact others. My main areas of interest are inequality, distribution of development aid and conflict and disaster management.

EDUCATION

University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark **Sep 2015 – Present**

MSc in Global Development

- Cross-disciplinary two-year program with a focus on connecting market economies with an understanding of culturally determined perceptions, organizations and institutions
- Current course focus is on applying mixed-methods approaches to fieldwork, undertaken through fieldwork in Tanzania
- Past course focuses include development theory, global business and economics, transnational flows and advanced research methods (working specifically with Stata, QGIS, Microsoft Excel and various qualitative methods). Future coursework will include economic growth and inequality and global politics

University of Minnesota Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN **Aug 2009 – May 2013**

- Political Science B.A., Spanish Studies Major, GPA 3.933. Graduated with High Distinction

Danish Institute for Study Abroad, Copenhagen, Denmark **Jan 2012 – May 2012**

- European Politics Program, 15 credits, GPA 4.0

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Student Library Assistant at DIS Copenhagen **Aug 2015 – Present**

Environment, Politics and Society (EPS) Program Assistant **Jan 2014 – Jun 2015**

DIS Copenhagen, Copenhagen, DK

- Aid in establishing the EPS Department by assisting with 21 different courses across 3 programs (European Politics, Sociology, Urban Studies) as point administrator, while interacting with a diverse group of students, staff, faculty, and course instructors, to deliver a high quality academic experience to American students studying abroad in Copenhagen (full-time)
- Research, plan, coordinate, and lead/manage groups of students on interactive study tours throughout Europe focusing on politics and society (locations: Brussels, Sweden, Hungary, Germany, London, Oslo, Hamburg)
- Maintain professional and business relationships with suppliers and co-workers alike in an international workplace representing a number of nationalities, cultures and languages
- Organize and attend academic events on current political/social issues – past events organized include a panel on Ukraine crisis, symposium on Syria, climate action, US-Denmark relations

Administrative Support Assistant, Spanish and Portuguese Department **Jan 2012 – May 2013**

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

- Update department database, process student evaluations and manage literature database in Microsoft Excel. Assist office staff, students, instructors and faculty on an as needed basis while aiding in enhancing departmental organization (10 hours/week)

**Intern, Kantar CMAG (Campaign Media Analysis Group)
Washington, D.C. / Minneapolis, MN**

July 2011 – Aug 2012

- Work as a political analyst gathering research and raw data relating to campaign advertisement spending as part of a small team while assisting full time employees with various projects (40 hours/week)
- Create graphical representations in heat maps to display raw data relating to the concentration of presidential campaign spending in the United States in buildup to 2012 US Presidential Elections
- Track T.V. drug advertisements, radio ads and political ads using AdCapture software manufactured by Kantar CMAG – done remotely and on-site in the D.C. office

**Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN**

Sep 2010 – Dec 2010

- Grade students' papers and perform library research to find updated class resources for the course Multicultural Contexts: Engaging Citizenship and Democracy (10 hours/week)

**Presenter and Assistant Conference Worker/Organizer,
University of Minnesota Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Conference**

April 2013

- Presented and discussed with a panel of peers an original paper on post-Revolutionary Cuba's political views as expressed in Cuban cinema – written, presented and discussed in Spanish

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Outstanding Student Employee Award

Sep 2010 – Apr 2011

- Award recognizes the top 10% of undergraduate student employees at the University of Minnesota who demonstrate skills and commitment that exceed expectations and demonstrate personal growth

Danish Institute for Study Abroad (DIS) Academic Achievement Award

Jan 2012 – May 2012

- Awarded by professors and faculty at DIS for achievement in academics, engagement with program materials and an interactive classroom attitude in the European Politics Program

**Outstanding Achievement Recognition,
University of Minnesota, Spanish and Portuguese Department**

Sep 2012 – May 2013

- Award recognizes graduating seniors for outstanding achievement in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese during the 2012-2013 academic year with Nominations determined by professors
- Received three nominations and three separate awards acknowledging personal accomplishments in academics

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- English – Native
- Spanish, written and spoken – Proficient
- Danish, written and spoken – Beginner

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, PowerPoint, Word)
- Stata 14
- QGIS 2.10 Pisa
- Windows and Mac