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Education

University of Alberta (Edmonton, AB) 2020-Present

Department of Resource Economics and Environmental Sociology
MSc, Risk and Community Resilience

Working Thesis Title: *Identifying Symptoms of the Regional Resource Curse: Education and Alberta's Coal Mining Industry.*

Supervised by Dr. Brenda Parlee.

University of Prince Edward Island (Charlottetown, PEI) & Universidad Rey Juan Carlos (Madrid, Spain) 2019-2020

MGA, Master in Global Affairs

One-year professional program run jointly between the University of Prince Edward Island and Universidad Rey Juan Carlos under the United Nations Academic Impact Program.

Project Report Title: *The Impacts of Interprovincial Labour Migration in Atlantic Canadian Communities.*

Supervised by Dr. Christina Murray.

McMaster University (Hamilton, ON) 2015-2020

B. Arts Sc. (Honours). Combined Honours in Arts & Science and Environmental Science.

Honours Thesis Titled: *Sediment Cores from Three Caves in Central Kentucky.*

Thesis connected sediment profiles from three caves from Central Kentucky. Employed X-ray fluorescence (XRF) to trace common contaminant metals across all three locations. The contaminant metals were also linked to particular contaminant events that occurred on the surface of the surrounding area.

Supervised by Dr. John Maclachlan.

Refereed Publications

Murray, C., **Skelding, H. S.**, & Lionais, D. (2021). "He never wants to leave. I would leave in a second." Examining perceptions of rural life and its impact on families who migrate for employment and those who stay behind in Atlantic Canadian communities. *Frontiers in*

Sociology, 6, 578647. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fsoc.2021.578647>

Feist, S.K., Maclachlan, J., Reindhart, E.G., and **Skelding, H.S.** 2020. Anthropogenic events captured within sediment in Hidden River Cave, Kentucky. *Quaternary Science Advances*. 24 February 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.qsa.2020.100001>

Awards

Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master’s (CGS-M)	2021-2022
Walter H John’s Graduate Fellowship	2021-2022
Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship (AGES)	2020-2021

Work Experience

Graduate Research Assistant Fellowship Jan. 2021 – Present
University of Alberta, REES
Graduate Assistantship Supervisor: Dr. Brenda Parlee

Graduate Teaching Assistant Sept. 2020 – Dec. 2020
University of Alberta, REES
AREC 323 – Introduction to Management for Agri-Food, Environmental, and Forestry Businesses

Vancouver Urban Outreach Team Lead/Member 2017-2018
Parks Canada

- I began my time at Parks Canada with the Urban Outreach Team during the summer of 2017, the following summer I returned to the team as the Team Lead. In both my roles with Parks Canada I honed my communication skills at events and venues to inform the public of environmental issues.
- Delivered daily presentations at Telus World of Science and the Vancouver Aquarium. I created and gave informative, engaging presentations on a variety of topics related to environmental issues and Indigenous culture. This includes the presentation titled “Climate Talk: Climate Change and Northern Parks” and an interactive table that centred around the traditional Coast Salish practice of turning beaches into Clam Gardens.
- Organized and facilitated involvement in numerous events around the Vancouver area including:
 - o Canada Day at Canada Place (2017 & 2018)
 - o Vancouver Pride Parade (2017 & 2018)
 - o National Indigenous Peoples Day at Trout Lake (2017)
 - o Vancouver Aquarium Dream Night (2018)

Volunteer Experience

Resource Economics and Environmental Sociology Student Association 2021-Present
VP Communications

- As VP Communications for my student association, I create the monthly newsletters for the students, staff, and faculty.
- I also oversee developing event posters, invitations, and all formal communications from the student association.

Sustainable Futures Conference at UPEI 2019
Table Moderator

- Facilitated discussions surrounding food insecurity, plastic waste, and urban planning.
- Official Local Conference of Youth Canada. Approved by YOUNGO (The official Youth Constituency of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change - UNFCCC).

Researcher and Field Trip Assistant 2019
Kentucky Caving Interdisciplinary Course, McMaster University

- While conducting research in Central Kentucky I assisted with an interdisciplinary field course taking place at the same time. My role was to demonstrate how to take sediment cores in a cave setting and supervise the students as they practiced.

Helping Hands 2015-2019

- Helping Hands provides aid for anyone in need in Hamilton, ON. I would spend my Saturday mornings helping people in need pick out clothing from donations, making sure that it fit the purpose that they needed it for (i.e. winter weather, job interview, etc.). A huge component of my time volunteering for Helping Hands was building community with vulnerable urban populations that would return weekly.

Ratanak International 2015
Summer Intern

- Ratanak International is a non-profit organization that aids Cambodia, specifically focussing on rescuing individuals from human trafficking. During my time as an intern at Ratanak International I performed various office administration duties, including, cataloguing tax reports, and digitizing articles and photos. I gained insight into the world of international development, and developed organizational skills.