

MICHAEL CONRARDY

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Education

Master of Environmental Science and Management (Expected June 2010)

Economics and Politics of the Environment Specialization

Bren School of Environmental Science & Management – University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)

Thesis Group Project: Partnering with AECOM; assessing the financial and political feasibility of a strategic combination of GHG reduction options in the city of Ventura, CA; acting as group Communications Manager, Modeling Specialist, and Data Assistant (3/09-Present)

Leadership / Involvement: Association for Environmental Professionals (AEP); Graduate Student Association Representative; Isle Vista Surfrider Foundation

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science *Cum Laude* (May 2008)

Philosophy Minor and Extensive Coursework in Teaching/Education

California State University, Fullerton

Honors: Dean's List; Golden Key International Honour Society; Leon and Annette Gilbert Study Abroad Scholarship; Pi Sigma Alpha (National Honor Society for Political Science students)

Involvement: Environmental Action and Advocacy Club; Study Abroad – London, England

International and Domestic Environmental Work Experience

Conservation International (CI), Research Assistant, Washington, DC (6/09-8/09)

- Aided in adapting the Open Source Impacts of REDD Incentives Spreadsheet (OSIRIS) for temporal results and ease of user interface
- Utilized OSIRIS, an economic model, to create opportunity cost curves for 85 individual countries and addressed questions from international governments and organizations
- Researched and presented definitional issues on international policy related to climate change and REDD (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation)

Arroyo Hondo Preserve / Coal Oil Point Reserve, Intern, Santa Barbara, CA (1/09-6/09)

- Restored habitats to desired historic conditions for greater biodiversity
- Reestablished native, to the preserve, plant species
- Promoted the survival of endemic species through removal of invasive species

Environmental Justice Foundation, Intern, London, England (2/08-4/08)

- Fundraised through contact of former donors and research of new donors
- Surveyed multi-national corporations for the Cotton Campaign Public Awareness project
- Researched, entered data, and organized files

Additional Work Experience

UCSB Apartment & Community Living, Resident Coordinator, Santa Barbara, CA (8/09-Present)

- Create, plan, manage, and report on student community events
- Coordinate community members during times of crisis or emergency
- Promote and facilitate connections and interactions among residential members

Islands Restaurant, Server, Brea, CA (6/01-8/08)

- Communicated with patrons to identify areas of concern; successfully solved problems
- Trained, aided, and guided fellow employees
- Worked throughout undergraduate school to fund education

Computer Skills and Interests

Computer Skills: Proficient in Macintosh and PC platforms; Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint); familiar with JMP; GIS; REALbasic

Athletic Interests: Traveling, running, and surfing