

# MICHAEL CONRARDY

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## Education

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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