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EDUCATION

Doctorate of Philosophy, Forestry, Expected May 2009

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, VA

Dissertation: Interdisciplinary Teams in the Forest Service: Characteristics, Dynamics, and Implications for NEPA Analyses

Co-Advisors: Drs. Michael J. Mortimer and Marc J. Stern

M.S. Public Administration, May 2005 GPA: 3.63/4.0

Conference Presentation: "The Bureaucratic Politics of Knowledge"

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, VA

B.A. Economics, Minor: Political Science, May 2003 GPA: 3.28/4.0

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, VA

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Human dimensions of forest resource policy and management
- Federal forest policy, law and management
- Federal fire policy and management
- Land conservation policy
- Energy policy and law
- Farm bill programs

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

- Concepts of Public Administration
- Normative Foundations of Public Administration
- Environmental Conflict Management
- Survey of Forest Ecology & Management
- Public Policy Analysis
- Microeconomic Theory
- Advanced Forest Management and Econ
- Survey Research Methods
- Social Science Research Methods in Natural Resources
- Leadership and Communications Natural Resource Professionals
- Law of Natural Resource Management
- Public Policy Design
- Public Ecology
- Introduction to GIS
- Political Theory
- Global Environmental Issues
- Macroeconomic Theory
- Advanced Silviculture
- Survey of Organizational Psychology
- Sample Survey Theory
- Statistics in Research

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Research

Ph.D. Research, Department of Forestry, Virginia Tech Blacksburg, VA, August 2005 - present

- Topic: NEPA Interdisciplinary Teams in the Forest Service
- Design and conduct study about interdisciplinary teams in the Forest Service
- Design and implement online surveys to Forest Service employees

Research Assistant, Department of Forestry, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, September 2006 – present

- Assist Drs. Mortimer and Stern with the planning and research for Forest Service research project titled: Comparing NEPA Processes Across Federal Land Management Agencies
- Review and implement surveys for current research

Teaching

Teaching Assistant, Department of Forestry, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
Spring 2006, Spring 2007

- Spring 2006: Natural Resource Law and Policy
 - Graded quizzes and students papers for a writing-intensive class
- Spring 2007: Wildland Fire: Ecology and Management
 - Assisted in laboratory sessions, taught labs in absence of professor
 - Graded lab reports and other assignments

Work Experience

Intern Analyst – United States Government Accountability Office (GAO), Washington D.C., Summer 2004

- Gathered evidence regarding an audit investigating the United States Department of Energy
- Attended hearings held by the House Committee on Government Reform
- Interviewed Department of Energy and NASA officials
- Wrote a part of GAO report, detailing agency findings

Policy Intern – National Association of State Foresters (NASF), Washington D.C., Summer 2006

- Attended hearings held by various Senate and House of Representatives committees on issues related to State Forestry
- Wrote executive summaries of hearings for dissemination to State Foresters
- Wrote article for the NASF newsletter the *Washington Update*
- Assisted in the preparation of NASF testimony for Congressional hearings
- Co-wrote a position memo to SFI international regarding their new herbicide policy

ORGANIZATIONS/LEADERSHIP/AWARDS

- Chief Justice of the Graduate Honor System, 2008-2009 Academic Year
- Finalist, Graduate Representative to the Board of Visitors, 2008
- Alumni Service Award, Iota Zeta Chapter, Delta Tau Delta Fraternity
- Member, Virginia Tech Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies, August 2007 - Present
- Forestry Graduate Student Association Member of the Year, 2006-2007

- Chapter Advisor, Iota Zeta Chapter, Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, August 2006 – Present
 - Advise 50 undergraduates in all aspects of running a Greek-letter social Fraternity
 - Conduct leadership transition seminar in the Spring
 - Conduct chapter goal-setting retreat in the Fall
 - Serve as the representative of the National organization at the local level
- Communications Chair, Graduate Student Assembly, August 2006 – May 2007
 - Administered the GSA website
 - Maintained communication channels with the GSA delegate body
- Member, Society of American Foresters, December 2005 - Present
- President, Forestry Graduate Student Association, August 2005 – August 2007
 - Encouraged and fostered graduate community in the Forestry department
 - Facilitated community service events for Forestry students
 - Planned and facilitated social events for the entire College of Natural Resources such as tailgates and a pig pickin'/bluegrass dance
- Delegate, Graduate Student Assembly, August 2005 – May 2006, August 2007 – Present
- Graduate Honor System Judicial Panelist, August 2005 – Present
- Delta Tau Delta Fraternity (Founding Father), 2000 – 2003
- Phi Beta Lambda/FBLA Business Fraternity, 1999 – 2001
- Marching Virginians, 1999 – 2003
- Bear Award - Virginia Tech Residence Hall Federation, April 2001
- Outstanding Service Award - Marching Virginians, January 2001
- Founder's Award - Occoneechee Lodge #104, December 2000
- First Place - Economics - Virginia PBL/FBLA, March 2000
- Eagle Scout, December 1998
- Vigil Member - Order of the Arrow (Boy Scouts of America), Spring 1995 - Present

COMPUTER SKILLS

- ArcGIS
- HTML Programming (Novice)
- Microsoft Office Suite
- SPSS
- Survey Pro 4.0