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Strategist, network weaver, facilitator, and programmatic manager connecting people to place with fifteen years combined training and experience in agro-ecology and socio-economic development as a grant-maker, policy advisor, researcher, and practitioner

RECENT EMPLOYMENT

The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

San Francisco, CA

Planning Director for the Northern Great Plains

Sep 2017-Mar 2019

Led an 18-person team spanning multiple organizational boundaries through a planning process that uses TNC's Conservation by Design 2.0 approach. The resulting plan of action details strategies aimed at transforming regional systems to support intertwined nature and people.

Specific accomplishments:

- *Directed project in timely fashion to enable Team to successfully prioritize and plan out two regional strategies (Sustainable Rangelands and Tribal Partnerships) in a display of collectively-owned and -supported effort TNC units have not partaken in over 20 years*
- *Successful project management (budget: \$370,000), including adaptive use of project management system, budget pipeline analysis, and procurement*
- *Designed, organized, and co-facilitated three Project events with external partners that enabled Team to hit major milestones and build regional relationships*
- *Directed multidisciplinary analyses, e.g., systems analysis using political economy framework and original social science research and multi-phased stakeholder analyses incorporating power dynamics*

Trainings:

- Engaging Across Differences, TNC, Jan 2019
- Network Leadership Learning Labs, TNC and IISC, Jun & Dec 2018
- Facilitative Leadership for Social Change, Interaction Institute for Social Change (IISC), Nov 2017

Technical areas: Strategic planning & implementation; Systems thinking & analysis; Network design & management; Group facilitation; Stakeholder engagement & behavior change; Program/project management

EDUCATION

PhD

University of California, Davis, Graduate Group in Ecology, 2007-2013.

Dissertation title: "Invasive plants in conservation linkages: from conceptual model to understanding real-world patterns"

Conservation Management training certificate, completed in 2011

BS/BA

University of Texas, Austin, Biology with a focus in Ecology, Evolution & Behavior/Plan II Honors, both summa cum laude & Phi Beta Kappa, 2002-2006

PAST EMPLOYMENT

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Washington, DC

Climate-Smart Agriculture Specialist for Bureau for Food Security

Jan-Jul 2017

Served as Agency's main external/internal point-of-contact for climate-smart agriculture (CSA) policy, strategy, and design with particular focus on behavior change, adoption, and decision-making; Created & managed innovation project on private investment in CSA (budget: \$1.4mill); Invited to serve as Bureau representative on mid-term evaluations for Food for Peace flagship programs (budgets: \$30mill); Designed adult learning curricula for CSA for Agency core course

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PAST EMPLOYMENT cont.

United States Agency for International Development

Washington, DC

Environmental Advisor for Bureau for Africa

Sep 2016-Jan 2017

Officially represented Africa Bureau interests drafting interagency Global Food Security Strategy; Drafted, edited & coordinated internal/external USAID communications for Marrakesh COP 22; Led trainings on and facilitated climate risk screening for USAID headquarters and field offices

United States Agency for International Development

Washington, DC

Climate Change Advisor for Bureau for Africa and AAAS S&T Policy Fellow

Sep 2014-Aug 2016

Fostered and led internal inter-Bureau team of CSA technical experts via consensus-based influence; Conceptualized, procured & managed, to completion, research on CSA adoption to improve project design (budget: \$500k); Led design on flagship country program on integrated agriculture, nutrition & climate change; Led development of communication materials used by USAID and State Dept for POTUS and COP21; Served as core member in focus group developing Agency policy on climate risk management; Co-led training in climate risk management for USAID to over 150 staff and partners

University of California

Davis, CA and

University of Queensland

Brisbane, AUS

Research Associate & Visiting Research Fellow

Sep 2013-Aug 2014

Organized 2 workshops on socioeconomics, ecosystem services, & urban conservation; Led 5 collaborative urban conservation conceptual projects; Filmed and produced researcher profile shorts.

University of California

Davis, CA

Research Fellow & PhD Candidate

Sep 2007 - Aug 2013

Designed, planned, conducted, analyzed & interpreted research on landscape and systems ecology, invasive ecology, conservation management and planning, and international wildlife conservation; Engaged with private landowners, farmers, NGO's, consulting agencies, and local, state & federal government agencies in developing, implementing, and communicating applied research projects; Trained in stakeholder engagement, basic negotiation, and science communication; Developed outreach materials for multiple public audiences.

United States National Park Services

Petrified Forest National Park, AZ

Seasonal Biological Technician

Jun - Aug 2006

Autonomously managed herpetological & small mammal monitoring; Redesigned park monitoring protocol; Initiated Park's analysis of long-term data.

Harvard Forest

Petersham, MA

NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates intern

May - Aug 2005

Managed data collection & analysis of multi-year field experiment; Designed & implemented region-wide demographic study of invasive species

United States Fish & Wildlife Service

Wichita Mountains Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, OK

Student Conservation Association intern

May-Aug 2004

Ground-truthed Refuge-wide vegetation map; Co-managed biological monitoring responsibilities; Taught Environmental Education

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RESEARCH

- 2018 Political economy analysis for conservation planning (Northern Great Plains, USA)
- 2014-2016 Created & supervised social science desk & field research on adoption of climate-smart agriculture (sub-Saharan Africa)
- 2014 Urban conservation, socioeconomics, and ecosystem services (global concepts)
- 2010-2012 Content analysis and targeted interviews on wildlife corridors in conservation planning (USA) & on skills for non-academic conservation careers (USA)
- 2009-2013 Matrix effects on invasive plants in large-scale conservation linkages (Riverside & San Diego Counties, CA)
- 2009-2013 Landscape ecology of invasive plants in agricultural hedgerows (Yolo County, CA)
- 2009-2011 Climate change vulnerability analysis (Willamette Valley, OR)
- 2008-2013 Restoration of native forbs for agro-ecological pollinator services (Yolo County, CA)
- 2007-2012 Trophic interactions in working landscape (Laikipia District, Kenya)
- 2005 Demographic study of invasive plant species (Harvard Forest, MA)

AWARDS and HONORS

- 2016 USAID Group Award for Climate Risk Management
Internally nominated award; only awardee from Bureau for Africa
- 2016 USAID Group Award for Climate Smart Agriculture Global Learning
Internally nominated award; only awardee from Bureau for Africa
- 2014 Shapiro Family Award for Excellence in Science, Dept. of Plant Sciences, UC Davis
Recognition of top-level Plant Sciences dissertation in 2013
- 2011 Spurr Service Award, Graduate Group in Ecology, UC Davis
Presented to current student for outstanding accomplishment in outreach
- 2009 Directors' Award for best poster presentation, California Native Grass Association/ Society for Ecological Restoration-California conference
- 2006 Dean's Honored Scholar for Natural Sciences, UT Austin
Awarded to .1% of graduating class
- 2006 Joynes Award for Creative Thesis for Plan II Honors, UT Austin

TRAINING GIVEN

Conservation by Design 2.0 (CbD 2.0), facilitator and trainer. 2018-2019. **Co-led workshop and session** at TNC Global Science Gathering (USA). **3 collectively-oriented seminars** given to TNC CbD 2.0 Community of Practice. **Collaboratively managed Community of Practice** at request of leads.

Climate risk management, facilitator and trainer. 2016. **Context-tailored seminars** given to 2 field Offices (Rwanda & Zambia). Co-led **workshop session** at Bureau for Food Security's Global Learning & Evidence Exchange Summit (Zambia). **Training designer and facilitator** for Global Climate Change Integration & Food Security training (USA).

Technical story-telling. 2016. **Workshop session** given during 2016 AFR Climate Change Technical Officers Meeting (Malawi).

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Secretary for Board of Governors, Society for Conservation Biology (SCB)** **2015-present**
Lead for Task Force on Anti-Sexual Harassment & Violence; Co-led transition process of SCB's Executive Director; Manage progress and completion of Action Items across SCB sub-units and staff; Serve as direct advisor to Board President and Executive Director; Co-led development of Implementation Plan
- Co-founder, Urban Conservation Working Group for SCB** **2017**
Co-led the process of moving from idea to provisional to full status as a Working Group under SCB; Co-organized design & submission for initial symposia; Co-wrote original charter documents
- Co-Chair, AAAS Fellows Biodiversity Affinity Group** **2015-2016**
Co-organized regular events for AAAS Fellows focused on biodiversity science and policy, inc. panels, seminars & roundtables
- Co-Chair, Scientific Committee, ICCB 2015** **2014-2015**
Co-led solicitation and evaluation of largest-to-date abstract submissions; Co-developed scientific programme with volunteers & staff; Managed difficult professional interactions with meeting company
- Financial Affairs, SCB Chapters Committee** **2012-2016**
Prior position: Conference Coordinator
Managed finances for Chapters Committee; Co-developed new Chapter Event Grants program; Coordinated travel & lodging awards for simultaneous Congresses across globe; Organized & oversaw concurrent, varied events for grassroots leaders at regional and int'l Congresses, inc. workshops, symposia, and fundraising
- Group mentor, Student and Landowner Education and Watershed Stewardship** **2008-2012**
Recurring mentorship of high-school students, primarily from underserved communities, in restoration science & place-based ethics and skills
- President (final position), SCB-Davis Chapter** **2007-2012**
Prior positions: Executive Planning Committee member for NACCB 2012; Vice-President, Secretary & Volunteer Coordinator
Advanced expansion in scope of Chapter's program and leadership; Managed differing and changing projects and initiatives over multiple years; Led official partnership of Chapter with city NGO; Coordinated Chapter's engagement as part of local organizing committee for NACCB 2012; Created position of Volunteer Coordinator
- Co-founder and member, Davis Chapter of California-Invasive Plant Council** **2009-2012**
Represent parent organization at local events; Developed "Don't Plant a Pest" fact sheets for California Native Plant Society's Gardening Committee; Spread awareness of invasive plant issues through Cal-IPC lobbying and informational pieces

TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

- Tallis, H....**ML Wilkerson**... (>100 authors). In review. Aligning evidence generation and use across health, development and environment. *Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability*.
- Parris, KM, M Amati, SA Bekessy, D Dagenais, O Fryd, AK Hahs, D Hes, SJ Imberger, SJ Livesley, AJ Marshall, JR Rhodes, CG Threlfall, R Tingley, R van der Ree, CJ Walsh, **ML Wilkerson** & NS Williams. 2018. The seven lamps of planning for biodiversity in the city. *Cities* 83: 44-53.

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TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS cont.

- Wilkerson, ML**, M Mitchell, D Shanahan, KA Wilson, CD Ives, C Lovelock, & JR Rhodes. 2018. The role of socio-economics in mediating ecosystem services in urban green spaces. *Ecosystem Services* 31: 102-110.
- Winford, E, **ML Wilkerson**, L Porensky, I Lacher, K Garbach, K Deiner, J Blickley & M Meek. 2017. Skills for Non-Academic Wildlife & Conservation Careers. Book chapter in: Wildlife Professions: Becoming Marketable for Employment. Henke, SE & PR Krausman, eds. Johns Hopkins University Press.
- Visconti, P, E Game, R Mathevet, & **ML Wilkerson**, eds. 2016 Proceedings of the 27th International Congress for Conservation Biology and 4th European Congress for Conservation Biology. Society for Conservation Biology.
- Wilkerson, ML**, K Ward, K Ullmann, N Williams & TP Young. 2014. Diminishing returns from higher density restoration seedings suggest trade-offs in pollinator seed mixes. *Restoration Ecology* 22: 782-789.
- Wilkerson, ML**. 2014. Using hedgerows as model linkages to examine non-native plant patterns. *Agriculture, Ecosystems, and Environment* 192: 38-46
- Blickley, J*, K Deiner, K Garbach, I Lacher, M Meek, LM Porensky, **ML Wilkerson**, E Winford & MW Schwartz. 2013. Graduate students' guide to necessary skills for nonacademic conservation careers. *Conservation Biology* 27: 24-34. *First 8 authors contributed equally
- Lacher, I* & **ML Wilkerson**. 2013. Wildlife connectivity approaches and best practices in U.S. State Wildlife Action Plans. *Conservation Biology* 28: 13-21 *Authors contributed equally.
- Wilkerson, ML**, LM Roche & TP Young. 2013. Indirect effects of domestic and wild herbivores on pollinators in an African savanna. *Ecology and Evolution* 3: 3672–3682
- Riginos, C, LM Porensky, KE Veblen, WO Odadi, RL Sensenig, D Kimuyu, F Keesing, **ML Wilkerson** & TP Young. 2012. Lessons on the relationship between livestock husbandry and biodiversity from the Kenya Long-term Exclosure Experiment (KLEE). *Pastoralism: Research, Policy and Practice* 2:10
- Schwartz, MW*, K Deiner, T Forrester, P Grof-Tisza, MJ Muir, MJ Santos, LE Souza, **ML Wilkerson** & M Zylberberg. 2012. Perspectives on the Open Standards for the practice of conservation. *Biological Conservation* 155: 169-177. *All authors after first contributed equally
- Z Steel, **ML Wilkerson**, P Grof-Tisza & K Sulzner. 2011. Assessing species and area vulnerability to climate change for the Oregon Conservation Strategy: Willamette Valley Ecoregion. Report for Defenders of Wildlife and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- Vaughn, KJ, LM Porensky, **ML Wilkerson**, J Balachowski, E Peffer, C Riginos, and TP Young. 2010. Restoration Ecology. *Nature Education Knowledge* 1(8):66.

TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS

- Wilkerson, ML**. 2017. Session co-organizer & speaker. How do we plan for and implement inclusive urban conservation? In "Conservation in an Urbanizing World: How is the science and practice of conservation changing?" 28th International Congress for Conservation Biology (ICCB), Colombia.
- Wilkerson, ML**. 2016. Invited speaker. Connecting to the story of connectivity and corridors. 3rd North American Congress for Conservation Biology, Madison, WI.

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TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS cont.

- Wilkerson, ML.** 2016. Invited speaker. Incentivizing climate-smart agriculture through public-private partnerships. 2016 Cracking the Nut, Washington, DC.
- Wilkerson, ML.** 2015. Oral presentation. International policy and pressure around climate-smart agriculture. 27th International Congress for Conservation Biology (ICCB) & 4th European Congress for Conservation Biology, Montpellier, France.
- Wilkerson, ML.** 2015. Oral presentation. International policy and pressure around climate-smart agriculture. 27th International Congress for Conservation Biology (ICCB) & 4th European Congress for Conservation Biology, Montpellier, France.
- Wilkerson, ML.** 2015. Invited speaker. Processes and ideas to affect local change for conservation. Society for Conservation Biology policy webinar series, online.
- Wilkerson, ML** 2014. Invited speaker. Forgotten pieces: the state of wildlife linkage planning in the U.S. Dept. of Wildlife & Entomology seminar series, University of Delaware, Newark, DE.
- Wilkerson, ML** 2014. Guest lecture. Location, location, location: How socio-economic context impacts valuation of ecosystem services. Environmental Decisions Group seminar series, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation office, Brisbane, QLD, Australia.
- Wilkerson, ML** 2014. Invited speaker. Context matters: socio-demographics influence ecosystem service delivery. School of Agricultural and Resource Economics/Australia Agricultural and Resource Economics Society seminar series, University of Western Australia, Perth, WA, Australia.
- Wilkerson, ML** 2013. Poster presentation. Invasive plants in the conservation linkage? How matrix, edge effects, and species dispersal mode matter. 26th ICCB, Baltimore, MD.
- Wilkerson, ML***, K Ward, N Williams, K Ullmann & TP Young. 2013. Oral presentation. Rewilding Central Valley field margins with native forbs. 20th Annual Conference of the California Society for Ecological Restoration, Santa Barbara, CA.
- Wilkerson, ML** 2012. Oral presentation. A conceptual model and framework for addressing the unaddressed issue of invasive plants in conservation linkages. 97th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America (ESA), Portland, OR.
- Wilkerson, ML** 2011. Oral presentation. Invasive plants in conservation linkages: what have we been overlooking? 25th ICCB, Auckland, New Zealand.
- Wilkerson, ML** 2011. Oral presentation. The importance of landscape context in invasive plant patterns within conservation linkages. 20th California-Invasive Plant Council Symposium (Cal-IPC), Tahoe City, CA.
- Wilkerson, ML***, K Ullmann, C Kremen & TP Young. 2011. Award-winning oral presentation. Planting California hedgerows: native forb mix success at different densities. 4th World Conference on Ecological Restoration, Mérida, Mexico.
- Wilkerson, ML** 2011. Oral presentation. The role of the surrounding landscape matrix in invasion of conservation linkages by non-native plants. 96th Annual Meeting of the ESA, Austin, TX.

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TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS cont.

Steel, Z*, P Grof-Tisza*, K Sulzner & **ML Wilkerson***. 2011. Group oral presentation. Assessing species vulnerability to climate change in the Willamette Valley ecoregion. Bay Area Conservation Biology Symposium (BACBS), University of California, Berkeley, CA.

Wilkerson, ML 2010. Oral presentation. Downsides to landscape connectivity: examining plant invasion potential in conservation linkages. 95th Annual Meeting of the ESA, Pittsburgh, PA.

Wilkerson, ML 2010. Guest lecture. Upsides and downsides of conservation linkages. Conservation Biology Seminar Series, EVE 198 UC Davis.

Wilkerson, ML 2010. Oral presentation. Downsides to landscape connectivity: examining plant invasion potential in conservation linkages. BACBS, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA.

Wilkerson, ML 2010. Invited speaker. Downsides to corridors: examining plant invasion potential in linear biodiversity features. 3rd Annual Symposium presented by Northern California Botanists, California State University, Chico, CA.

Wilkerson, ML* & TP Young. 2009. Oral presentation. Indirect effects of domestic and wild herbivores on pollinators in an African savanna. 2nd Annual UC Davis Graduate Student Symposium in Ecology, UC Davis.

Wilkerson, ML*, K Ullmann, C Kremen & TP Young. 2009. Poster presentation. What to plant in Central Valley hedgerows: relative success of three native flowering forb mixes at three densities. California Native Plant Society Conservation Conference, Sacramento, CA; California Native Grass Association/Society for Ecological Restoration-California dual annual meeting, Folsom, CA; 94th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America, Albuquerque, NM.

Wilkerson, ML* & TP Young. 2008. Poster presentation. Indirect effects of domestic and native herbivores on pollinators in an African savanna. 93rd Annual Meeting of the ESA, Milwaukee, WI.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

"CbD 2.0 workshop." 2018. **Day-long workshop**, co-designed and facilitated with four TNC colleagues for TNC global scientists, Houston, TX.

"Development, Rwanda, and Agricultural Innovations." 2016. **Day-long hackathon** co-facilitated with USAID Senior Scientist for senior industrial design students, James Madison Univ, Harrisonburg, VA.

"Different Ways of Knowing: Faith and climate change, morality and conservation." 2015. **Blog entry** published on Sci on the Fly, AAAS S&T Policy Fellow science & science policy blog. URL: <http://www.aaaspolicyfellowships.org/sci-fly/different-ways-knowing-faith-and-climate-change-morality-and-conservation>

Communications Strategy & Social Media lead on organizing committee for half-day symposium "Combating Wildlife Trafficking." 2015, sponsored by AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships Program and Biodiversity Affinity Group.

"Science communication through film." 2014. **Invited speaker** for graduate-level science communication seminar series, University of Delaware, Newark, DE.

"Weeds in your hedgerows? Actions to consider." 2013. 2-part article published in Colusa County Conservation, Colusa County Resource Conservation District **quarterly newsletter**. Volume 3: 4 & 5.

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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT cont.

Factsheets for hedgerow research projects (invasive plants and native forbs). 2013. Emailed or mailed to all private landowners involved in hedgerow research and local Resource Conservation District, National Resource Conservation Services, and Audubon California offices. <http://maritwilkerson.com/outreach-and-service/general/>

“Invasive plants and conservation linkages: missing pieces of the conservation puzzle.” Dec, 2012. **Invited speaker** at the monthly Riverside County land managers meeting, Riverside, CA.

“Advice for getting your dream job in conservation science.” 2012. K Deiner, ML Wilkerson & LM Porensky. **Blog post** entry on popular website about graduate skills paper (Blickley et al. 2013). <http://conservationbytes.com/2012/12/04/advice-for-getting-your-dream-job-in-conservation-science/>

“Role of science and scientists in collaborative conservation decision-making and planning: a workshop in skill development.” 2011. Co-organized with another grad student and two staff members of John Muir Institute for the Environment. 2-day evening **workshop** with 15 grad students, UC Davis campus.

“Climate Change and Conservation.” 2011. Co-organizer and presenter of Conservation Connoisseur Seminar Series. 2-part **public seminar** held at Davis City Library.

“Assessing species and reserve vulnerability to climate change in the Willamette Valley ecoregion.” 2011. Led workshop organization with partners from Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife & Defenders of Wildlife; a half-day **workshop** on Conservation Management project results for local stakeholders. Presentations by Z. Steel, M.L. Wilkerson & P. Grof-Tizza. ODFW headquarters, Salem, OR.

“Outreach: Broader Impacts Resource Portal.” 2011. Co-author/creator. **Online outreach module** with guidelines for developing outreach plans for dissertation research with an emphasis on involving underrepresented groups. <http://ecology.ucdavis.edu/outreach>

“Downsides to landscape connectivity: examining plant invasion potential in conservation linkages.” Nov, 2010. **Invited speaker** at the monthly Riverside County land managers meeting, Riverside, CA.

“Ecological Restoration Workshop.” 2009. Co-organized with three other graduate students and two professors. Daylong **workshop** with invited, sponsored speakers and approx. 50 attendees, UC Davis.

Wrote and hard- mailed **report updates** for private landowners and Audubon California staff involved in forb restoration project in Yolo County, California, 2008, 2009.

“Butterflies and blooms: contrasting effects of cattle and wildlife.” 2008. ML Wilkerson & TP Young.

“KLEE Corner” #10, Laikipia Wildlife Forum **Newsletter**. May Issue.

COMMUNICATIONS and ENGAGEMENT TRAINING

July 2013 Half-day **workshop** at International Congress for Conservation Biology: “New media matters: communicating conservation research & ideas.” Led by Dr. Kate Christen of Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation. Baltimore, Maryland.

Winter 2011- Translating Research Beyond Academia **applied seminar series (3)**: “Communicating with
Spring 2012 Stakeholders and Decision and Policy Makers; Education Outreach and Broader Impacts; Science
Communication and Writing.” Sponsored by John Muir Institute for the Environment. UC Davis.

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COMMUNICATIONS and ENGAGEMENT TRAINING cont.

- Dec 2011 **Workshop** at International Congress for Conservation Biology 201: “Involving People in Conservation: the role of human dimensions research and applied approaches.” Led by Dr. A. Bath of Memorial University Canada. Auckland, New Zealand.
- October 2010 Week-long **immersion workshop** with ScienceFilm to learn technical and creative basics of scientific documentary film-making. Bodega Bay, CA.

RELATIONAL and TECHNICAL COURSEWORK and TRAINING

- Engaging Across Differences (TNC), Jan 2019. 1-day course.
- Network Leadership Learning Labs (TNC & Interaction Institute for Social Change (IISC)), Jun & Dec 2018. 2-day courses.
- Facilitative Leadership for Social Change (IISC), Nov 2017. 3-day course.
- Applied Political Economy Analysis (USAID). 2016. 1-day course.
- Landscape Leadership Workshop (EcoAgriculture). 2016. 3-day course.
- Global Climate Change Integration & Food Security (USAID). 2016. 1-day course.
- Project Design & Management (USAID). 2016. 10-day course.
- Biodiversity 101 (USAID). 2015. 3-day course.
- Programming Foreign Assistance (USAID). 2015. 5-day course.
- Global Climate Change and Development (USAID). 2014. 5-day course.

GRANTS and FUND DEVELOPMENT

- 2019 Led development of regional strategies that form basis of novel, multi-year Anne Ray Foundation grant, TBA (\$350k) & oversaw design of communication materials for further private donor asks
- 2016 Narrative lead for USAID Africa Bureau environmental appropriation negotiations for State Dept
- 2014 Centre of Excellence for Environmental Decisions Early Career Researcher Grant, \$7400
- 2009-2012 National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Researcher Fellowship, \$90,000 + tuition
- 2008-2012 Jastro Shields Research Fellowship, UC Davis, 3 awards, total \$3645
- 2008, 2012 Humanities Graduate Research Award, UC Davis, 2 awards, total \$3000
- 2008-2012 Plant Sciences’ Madson Scholarship, UC Davis, 4 separate awards, total \$4000
- 2008, 2011 Northern California Botanists’ student research award, 2 awards, total \$2000
- 2008-2013 Plant Sciences Fellowship, UC Davis, 1 award for 8 academic quarters, \$35,000 + tuition
- 2007, 2008 Graduate Group in Ecology block grant, UC Davis, 2 awards, total \$21,600 + tuition

SKILLS SUMMARY

Strategic visioning & planning: Advanced implementation planning through theory of change, logical frameworks & results chains; Intermediate experience applying varied systems thinking tools; Intermediate experience implementing participatory approaches; Intermediate ability to develop and communicate vision

Management, evaluation and learning: Advanced experience tracking and overseeing progress of individuals across concurrent projects; Applied experience with design thinking, lean methodologies, and adaptive management techniques from multiple sectors; Intermediate experience in program evaluation and learning

Event organization & facilitation: Advanced skills in planning, organizing, running & facilitating small (<20 attendees) to large (<1000 attendees) conferences & workshops; Basic andragogy theory and techniques

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Financial: Advanced budget planning & management. up to \$2 million; Intermediate grant and contract development and evaluation; Intermediate fundraising solicitations & coordination, inc. prospect pipeline analysis

Communication: Advanced science communications, inc. use of social and mass media & research translation for public audiences; Basic cinematography; Basic marketing communications; Intermediate creative writing

Field research & analysis: Advanced agro-ecological field research skills across multiple taxa; Applied intermediate experience with social survey and interview techniques & analyses; Intermediate experience for spatial action planning

Other: Advanced Spanish (writing, reading, and speaking); Basic non-violent communication techniques; Advanced training and experience in improvisation, movement, and stage acting