

KATE BAKER

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EDUCATION

University of Washington Seattle, WA
Master of Public Administration, Environment and Natural Resource Management June 2014

- Environmental Management Certificate
- Recipient, 2012 Evans School 50th Anniversary Fellowship (Tuition Scholarship)

University of Maryland at College Park College Park, MD
Bachelor of Science, Finance May 2009

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chesapeake Conservancy Annapolis, MD
Program Coordinator September 2014 – Present

- Principal coordinator for the Chesapeake Conservation Partnership, a regional coalition of over 50 organizations working to promote land conservation in the Chesapeake Bay watershed
- Primary tasks include: Facilitating action to meet the Protected Lands goal in the 2014 Bay Agreement, convening the Steering Committee, strengthening partner relationships, and developing engaging communications and outreach products

Washington State Energy Office Seattle, WA
Project Consultant, UW Program on the Environment August 2013 – April 2014

- Project Title: Agency Coordination of Offshore Wind Energy Development in Washington State
- Identified recommendations for state agencies to develop a unified position on the siting and operation of renewable energy facilities in Washington's coastal waters
- Conducted background research on current federal, state, and local policies related to offshore energy development and completed interviews with officials from eight state agencies
- Compiled findings and analysis into an educational guidebook report and delivered oral presentation to client and state agency representatives

Environmental Defense Fund Bellevue, WA
Graduate Fellow June 2013 – August 2013

- Participant in EDF's innovative fellowship program that places specially-trained graduate students in companies, cities and universities as dedicated energy efficiency specialists
- Developed strategies for a retail company (Outerwall, formerly Coinstar) focused on energy efficiency, waste reduction, and employee engagement
- Researched and evaluated impact of current sustainability efforts by conducting interviews and site visits with employees in office and field locations
- Delivered recommendations (oral presentation and written report) to executives designed to assist the company in achieving goal of decreasing greenhouse gas emissions by 15% by 2015

IBM Global Business Services Bethesda, MD
Senior Consultant, Public Sector Practice June 2009 – June 2012

- Provided consulting services including financial analysis, financial statement compilation, general ledger accounting, and grants management for federal government clients
- Prepared quarterly financial statements by analyzing and reconciling accounts, responding to audit requests, and designing and implementing process improvements
- Responsible for project management activities for teams consisting of 10-30 members including building and maintaining financial models used to forecast project profitability

United States Senate

Legislative Intern, Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY)

Washington, D.C.

Feb 2008 – May 2008

- Served as a liaison between Senator and constituents by answering phone calls and letters, greeting office visitors, and conducting tours
- Conducted legislative research, prepared bill briefs, and attended committee hearings and floor debates

Naval Air Systems Command Comptroller

Budget Analyst Intern

Patuxent River, MD

June – August 2006, January 2007

- Supported team of 10 budget analysts with financial management and budget development activities
- Designed and maintained an Excel tool to calculate Financial Efficiency Index (FEI) for individual budget lines

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Analyst, Northwest Social Venture Fund

Summer 2014

- Conducted interviews and prepared investment analytics for socially responsible start-ups screened through NWSVF's due diligence cycle

Participant, National Institute for Women's Leadership

Spring 2014

- One of thirty women selected from across Washington State for intensive six-day program for future women leaders in public service

Treasurer, Evans Student Organization

Spring 2013 – Spring 2014

- Elected member of student government responsible for budgeting and maintain financial records on behalf of 300+ graduate students at the Evans School of Public Affairs

Competitor, UW Environmental Innovation Challenge

Fall 2013 – Spring 2014

- Part of an interdisciplinary student team to define an environmental problem, develop a solution, produce a prototype, and demonstrate commercial viability
- Pitched innovative idea to 170+ judges made up of entrepreneurs, investors, and experts

Graduate Assistant, University of Washington Office of Undergraduate Admissions

Winter 2014

- Assessed undergraduate application files by scoring academic and personal factors
- Reviewed application information including essays, adversity factors, activities, and high school transcripts and scored applicants appropriately

Grant Writing Experience

Spring 2013

- Prepared a successful grant proposal for Whidbey Island Nourishes, a local non-profit organization working to increase access to healthy food for homeless teens



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Boards and Commissions Application

Personal Information

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Statement of interest – Why should you be appointed to this board/commission?

I am pleased to be presented with the opportunity serve on the Annapolis Environmental Commission, and I believe would strengthen the group by bringing a unique point of view. I recently moved to Annapolis from Seattle, Washington where I was attending graduate school at University of Washington. Last spring I completed Masters degree in Public Administration with a concentration in environmental management. I am originally from Southern Maryland and moved to Annapolis to start my current position as a program coordinator at the Chesapeake Conservancy. I am primarily responsible for coordinating a regional coalition of government agencies and land trusts working to protect land and increase public access to local waterways. I am beginning my career in the environmental field, and previously worked in finance. I approached the Commission several months ago because I was concerned about routinely finding recyclable materials in the dumpster at my condo building in West Annapolis. I see tremendous opportunities to increase recycling rates in multi-unit residences in Annapolis through outreach and incentives. I also see a long-term opportunity to develop a city-wide composting program (successfully implemented in Seattle and several other cities) as well as find more ways to engage diverse communities and residents in public housing in environmental stewardship. I am enthusiastic about contributing to these efforts and others as a member of the Commission to make Annapolis an even better place to live.

Are you a resident of the City of Annapolis? Yes No

Are you an employee of the City of Annapolis? Yes No

If yes, please state your job title, department & duties.

Do you do business with the City of Annapolis? Yes No

If yes, please detail.

Are you currently serving on any city boards or commissions? Yes No

If yes, please list board(s).

References

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Signature  Date 5/14/15

E-mail electronically completed form to Jacalyn Bierman at jbierman@annapolis.gov. Paper copies may be faxed to 410-216-8284 or mailed to the Mayor's Office address above, attention Boards and Commissions Coordinator.