Government professional with over 17 years of experience leading and supporting international negotiations and engaging in multilateral diplomacy. Expertise in international ocean matters, marine scientific research, ocean observations, marine genetic resources, and the transfer of marine technology.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

U.S. Department of State, Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs, Washington, DC

Foreign Affairs Officer, October 2015 – Present

- Serve as Deputy U.S. Representative to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), and U.S. representative to the IOC Finance Committee.
- Serve as Head of Delegation, Deputy Head of Delegation, and lead negotiator at international meetings and the United Nations.
- Lead U.S. engagement to the G7 Future of the Seas and Ocean Initiative Working Group.
- Served as U.S. Marine Scientific Research (MSR) Coordinator from 2015-2023, managing a 4-person team, overseeing all aspects of issuing diplomatic consent for MSR in U.S. waters and obtaining diplomatic consent for MSR in foreign waters.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office of International Affairs, Washington, DC

International Affairs Specialist, October 2008 – 2015 Knauss Fellow, February 2008 – October 2008

- Provided technical guidance and policy recommendations related to international ocean, coastal, weather, and tsunami issues.
- Led and participated in interagency and international working groups.
- Developed, coordinated, negotiated, and implemented foreign policies.
- Represented the United States Government at multilateral and bilateral meetings and negotiations, working with foreign representatives to further objectives of mutual interest.
- Drafted, reviewed, and revised controlled correspondences, speeches, and press releases.
- The above specialized experience in foreign policy is in relation to the following subject matter areas: the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation, blue becomeny, food security, the International Whaling Commission, the London Convention and London Protocol, Marine Science and Technology Agreements, and disaster risk reduction.

EDUCATION:

Lewis and Clark Law School, Portland, OR

J.D., Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law, May 2007
ABA Moot Court Negotiation Competition (regional team member), Natural Resources Faculty
Committee, Student Bar Association, Public Interest Law Project, Summer study abroad in
Greece and France (Summer 2005)

University of Maine, Orono, ME

B.S. Environmental Management and Policy, Pre-Law Concentration, May 2003 Distinguished Student Scholarship Recipient (1999-2003); Nauman Scholar (2002); Dean's List (2001-2003); Four-week research program in Mexico (Summer 2002)

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