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Education

- Present **Cornell University** | MS/PhD in Natural Resources | Social-Ecological Systems
- 2021 **Cornell University** | Masters in Global Development | NGO Management & Climate Resilience
- 2014 **Georgia Institute of Technology** | B.S. in Architecture | Urban Development & Design History

Experience

- Teaching Assistant** 2022 **Cornell University** | Ithaca, NY
- Grading and writing assistance for Professor Karim Aly S. Kassam
- Network Assistant** 2021 **Hello Neighbor Network** | Pittsburgh, PA
- Collaborated on tasks pertaining to research, fundraising, regranting, and member programming
 - Published articles and newsletters exploring refugee resettlement to a diverse professional audience
- Graduate Assistant** 2021 **Community Learning and Service Partnership** | Ithaca, NY
- Collaborated with the CLASP director to produce graphics, research, and provide administrative support
- Food Security Advisor** 2018 **United States Peace Corps** | Nepal
- Instructed sustainable farming practices to 162+ rural Nepalese farmers. Soil care, vegetable cultivation, pest management, and fruit tree cultivation (1100+ trees planted)
 - Trained 115+ local women in safe sexual practices and hygiene
- Development Advisor** 2017 **United States Peace Corps** | Burkina Faso

Publications

[United States Peace Corps - Growing Trees and Relationships in Nepal](#)

[Hello Neighbor Network - Afghanistan, Haiti, and Our Common Humanity](#)

[Friends of Burkina Faso - Breathing Together](#)

[Hello Neighbor Network - Climate Refugees and the Future of Displacement](#)

Service

- Advocacy Lead** Present **Ithaca Welcomes Refugees** | Ithaca, NY
- Advocacy work towards the goal of improving the refugee resettlement process in Tompkins County, NY
- Research Advisor** 2021 **Hello Neighbor Network** | Pittsburgh, PA
- Collected and analyzed qualitative data towards the goal of exploring racial equity and education amongst refugee populations in the United States
- Relief Coordinator** 2017 **American Red Cross** | Puerto Rico & USVI
- Led field teams and logistics for the Community Recovery Needs Assessment Survey of the USVI
 - Conducted an assessment of Puerto Rican neighborhoods to enact a comprehensive recovery plan
- Groundsman** 2015 **Wheat Street Urban Garden** | Atlanta, GA
- Garden management for a 4 acre urban farming development located in Downtown Atlanta
 - Educated community in farming techniques and provided locally grown produce within a food desert

Recognition

- 2023 [Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship | Cornell CALS](#)
- 2022 [Global Development Research Grant | Cornell CALS](#)
- 2021 [Critical Language Scholarship | US Dept. of State](#)
- 2016 [Appalachian Trail Thru Hiker](#)
- 2014 [Alpha Rho Chi Medal](#)

Languages

- Nepali | LPI Advanced
- French | LPI Intermediate
- Hindi | OPI Intermediate