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Education

Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
M.S. in Agricultural Economics, Exp. May 2019
Major Professor: Dr. Mykel Taylor

North Carolina State University, Raleigh NC
B.S. in Food Science, May 2017 – Cum Laude

Professional Experience

Graduate Research Assistant, Kansas State University – Department of Agricultural Economics – Dr. Mykel Taylor

August 2017 – Present

- Responsible for overseeing survey project researching the value of social capital and enrollment in agri-environmental programs (CSP), including preparing survey packets, data collection, input and analysis

Research Assistant, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – Food and Drug Protection Division

May 2017 – August 2017

- Research Grade B Dairy laws in other dairy prominent states and create a document summarizing how North Carolina should tackle an overhaul of their own program
- Updated file system and create digital records for Food Compliance Officer training packets
- Updated North Carolina's Food Firms Database

Undergraduate Research Assistant, North Carolina State University – Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics – Dr. Kathryn Boys

August 2016 – October 2018

- Working on various research projects including database searches, assisting with focus groups, and gathering information of organic policy formation and implementation

Legislative and Public Policy Intern, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

May 2016 – August 2016

- Assisted the department's legislative liaison by attending legislative sessions, committee meetings, writing summaries, and gathering knowledge about the state's political standing

Staff Member, The Shelton Leadership Challenge – North Carolina Wesleyan College

Summer 2013 – 2015, 2017, 2018

- Served as Peer Leader and Coach, Mentor, Trainer (CMT) – Various tasks including facilitating, evaluating and giving feedback for leadership building activities with a team of high school students

Leadership Activities

Center for Risk Management Education and Research Student Fellow, Kansas State University
January 2018 - Present

- Attend various speakers and a trip to Washington D.C. to understand risks in various professional environments and learn how to manage and mitigate those risks

Graduate Students of Agricultural Economics (GSAE) – Secretary, Kansas State University
January 2018 – Present

- Record minutes during monthly meetings and distribute afterwards, bake monthly birthday treats

Volunteer Research Assistant, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services –
Food and Drug Protection Division
December 2016 – January 2017

- Researched farmed cervid and rabbit processing regulations in other states to assist in the creation of those programs in North Carolina and helped update filing system for food regulatory program records

Warren Leadership and Public Policy Fellow, North Carolina State University – College of
Agriculture and Life Sciences
2016 Cohort

- Attended bi-weekly meeting and monthly outings to learn about the state's agriculture and public policy, participated in summer internship and trip to Washington D.C. as part of learning experience

Shelton Student Delegates – President, North Carolina State University
August 2015 – July 2017 (2 terms)

- Work in a group to serve the recent graduates of the Shelton Challenge and other students to help them better themselves through service, professional development and social events
- Plan and oversee monthly meetings and adhere to small (< \$500) budget

Food Science Club, North Carolina State University
August 2015 – May 2017

- Active Member – Weekly meetings, service requirements and working at the Dairy Bar (Annual Fundraiser)
- Wine and Cheese Committee Member
- Outreach Committer Chair (2016 – 2017)