

Devon Kristiansen

Research Fellow

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SUMMARY

I am a recent Applied Economics master's degree graduate with a passion for environmentalism. I seek opportunities to use my strong quantitative analysis skills and understanding of economic theory to investigate natural resource issues, and promote solutions that are economically and environmentally sustainable.

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Graduation: May 2014 GPA: 3.93/4.00

Master of Arts: Applied Economics, Agricultural and Natural Resources

Macalester College, Saint Paul, MN

Graduation: May 2012 GPA: 3.76/4.00

Bachelor of the Arts: Economics Major, Environmental Studies Minor

EXPERIENCE

Minnesota Population Center; Research Fellow

June 2014–present

Project lead for SESTAT data project, managed graduate research assistants, assisted with the Population Association of America conference planning, and generated metadata

Minnesota Population Center; Research Assistant

May 2012–May 2014

Generated metadata for large datasets; developed data project labs in SAS, Stata, and SPSS; used critical thinking to identify and correct data errors; developed good client manner for user support

Center for Chinese Agricultural Policy; Research Assistant

July–August 2013

Edited a book on the economics of irrigation in China and rural household outcomes; revised Phd theses on conservation through Chinese irrigation policy and domestic waste disposal

Women's Environmental Institute; Farm Intern

July–August 2012

Presented on small farm business planning at the annual Growing Power conference; developed understanding of the microeconomics of small-holder agriculture through farm labor

Macalester College; Sustainability Coordinator August 2011–May 2012
Facilitated the Macalester Sustainability Network, supported student-led sustainability projects

Macalester College; Energy Efficiency Coordinator September 2010–May 2011
Completed a cost-benefit analysis on a sustainable pool filter beta test project, implemented a number of energy efficiency projects on campus

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Macalester College

Teaching Assistant: ECON 119, Principles of Economics. 2011.

Teaching Assistant: MATH 137, Single Variable Calculus. 2009-2010.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Macalester Martial Arts Club President and Instructor 2009-2012
Directed annual martial arts performances, managed logistics for weekly club class schedules and activities, taught Taekwondo and Women's Self Defense classes

Financial Affairs Commission, Macalester Student Government 2009-2010
Collaborated with student government and members of the commission to equitably distribute funds to student organizations

HONORS

Master's Student Representative on the Graduate Program Committee (UMN), 2013

John Dozier Prize in Economics (Macalester), 2012

Co-editor of Macalester Economics Journal. 2012

Omicron Delta Epsilon Economics Honors Society (Macalester), 2010-2012

Dewitt Wallace Distinguished Merit Scholarship (Macalester), 2008-2012

Macalester Dean's List (6 of 7 semesters)

PUBLICATIONS

Damon, Amy, and **Devon Kristiansen**. 2014. "Childhood obesity in Mexico: the effect of international migration." *Agricultural Economics* 45.6: 711-727.

Kristiansen, D. 2014. "The effect of organic price premia and equivalence agreements on select organic imports into the United States." (Master's thesis).

Kristiansen, D. 2012. "Does Information Lead to Household Energy Conservation?" (Undergraduate thesis).

SKILLS

Native speaker of English, conversational in Mandarin Chinese

Proficient in Stata, SAS, SPSS, Microsoft Office, ArcGIS