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RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Audience Lead · *The Food & Environment Reporting Network (FERN)*

Remote · July 2026 - October 2026

- Led audience strategy for a nonprofit newsroom covering food, agriculture and environmental policy, with reporting co-published in Politico, Mother Jones, The Guardian and High Country News.
- Ran social for "MAHA and the Midterms," a special series with Mother Jones and Politico on food policy in the 2026 midterms (65K+ impressions). Rollout content was shared by California Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel, the subject of the series' final piece.
- Coordinated outreach to reporters, partner outlets and policymakers, including congressional offices (Sen. Cory Booker), Grist and Rolling Stone. FERN reporting reached ag and health policy readers through Politico's Weekly Agriculture newsletter, the Hagstrom Report and KFF Health News.
- Translated dense policy reporting on topics like farm bill loopholes, agricultural water pollution and gene-edited crops into carousels and explainer reels. The Politico carousel on Iowa's drinking water reached 93K+.
- Ran FERN's first full content audit (2,393 posts, 18 months) and turned it into an 8-part digital strategy. First quarter: 733K+ impressions and views, 20.5K+ engagements.
- Hired and led the audience team. Installed Sprout Social, a monday.com CRM, a content calendar and monthly KPI reporting.

Content Specialist · *Animal Advocacy Careers*

Remote (Global) · February 2026 - July 2026

- Led marketing for AAC's collaboration with The Humane League on The Campaigner's Edge, a fall 2026 course on corporate campaigns and animal welfare.
- Invited to partner on funder proposals on the strength of my storytelling and data-translation work; contributed to successful proposals connecting program impact to donor priorities.
- Led communications strategy for an evidence-driven global nonprofit directing talent into high-impact animal advocacy and food systems policy careers.
- Rebuilt AAC's LinkedIn content strategy that lifted average engagement more than 6x in a single quarter, produced several of the page's best-performing posts of the year, and grew the audience past 25,000.
- Ran AAC's wider social presence across Instagram and Facebook as awareness channels, where a shift to shareable formats pushed Instagram shares past 1,500 in a single month and its engagement rate above 50%, while Facebook engagement more than doubled.
- Owned content and outreach for Impactful Policy Careers (IPC), expanding access to policy pathways in environmental, animal welfare, and food systems advocacy including EU food policy and global health cohorts.
- Translated complex research on animal welfare legislation, agricultural transition, and alternative protein policy into accessible content that connects audiences to policy action.

Marketing & Communications Manager · *Real Change News Homelessness Empowerment Project*

Seattle, WA · July - September 2025

- Directed all organizational communications in support of unhoused and low-income vendors, equitable housing initiatives, and public health advocacy in King County.
- Collaborated with cross-department teams to integrate data storytelling into grant applications, public-facing reports, donor communications, and policy briefs.
- Led emergency advocacy response after ICE detainments of low-income vendors; launched the Real Change Legal Defense Fund, raising $28,000 in under two weeks and publishing a widely circulated press release.

Fundraising Intern · *North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA)*

Remote · March - June 2025

- Researched and catalogued federal and private funding sources for ecosystem conservation, invasive species management, and environmental education programs.
- Drafted and edited grant proposals, LOIs, and program summaries ensuring alignment with long-term conservation goals; tracked outcomes via Monday.com CRM.

FELLOWSHIPS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Youth Board Member · *ProVeg International*
Remote (Global) · April 2026 - Present

- Selected as 1 of 20 members from 800+ applicants for the 2026 - 2027 cohort; contributing to international food systems advocacy and UN-aligned policy campaigns including the Belém Declaration.
- Informing ProVeg International's UN Policy team on agricultural transition, alternative proteins, and food sovereignty as interconnected climate and justice issues.
- Contributing to content creation, coalition engagement, and cross-sector advocacy connecting food systems transformation to broader climate policy goals.

Leadership Program Participant · *Institute for Universal Rights, Health & Justice (Phoenix Zones Initiative)*
Remote (Global) · June 2026 - July 2026

- Selected for the inaugural cohort of a 6-week program examining how the moral and legal recognition of human and nonhuman rights shapes public health, conflict, and environmental justice outcomes; faculty include animal law scholars Will Kymlicka, Saskia Stucki, and Altamush Saeed.
- Produced two capstone deliverables (a discipline-specific piece and a public-facing media piece) translating the links between rights, health, and justice for both professional and general audiences.

Governing the Food Systems Transition: Law and Policy for Plant-Based Futures · *ICARE (International Centre for Animal Rights and Ethics)*
Remote (Global) · May 2026 - June 2026

- Completed a 6-week course on food systems law and policy spanning domestic legislation, international regulatory frameworks, and advocacy strategy for plant-based transition. Notable lectures include regulatory pathways for protein alternatives, U.S. food labeling law, and the legal architecture connecting environmental policy, animal welfare, and social justice.
- Produced a jurisdiction-specific legal and policy roadmap through a guided clinic, with expert feedback on feasibility, legal robustness, and coalition strategy.
- Awarded a full scholarship.

National Climate Fellow · *Change the Chamber*
Remote · June 2025 - June 2026

- Draft, edit, and publish policy briefs, petitions, op-eds, press releases, and public statements responding to federal climate legislation, environmental justice initiatives, and food systems policy.
- Appointed as CTC's permanent representative to the Insurance Fairness Project, a national coalition focused on equitable climate-risk solutions including agricultural and community coverage gaps.
- Spearheaded launch strategy and outreach for the Changemaker Community, a global virtual network for young policy advocates.
- Build and manage influencer partnerships to amplify ESG and clean-energy campaigns; support corporate accountability work across social media and coalition channels.

PUBLICATIONS

"Why you should worry about Arizona's farms" (Op-Ed) · *The Arizona Republic, 2026*
Examined drought, crop failure, and water scarcity in the American Southwest through the lens of federal climate inaction. Published in response to proposed agricultural policy rollbacks.

"Climate Change's Threat to Agriculture & Global Food Supply" (Article) · *Change the Chamber*
Translated climate science and food systems research into public-facing analysis connecting extreme weather patterns to global food security and the policy decisions driving them.

"Insurance Industry and the Climate Crisis" (Article) · *Change the Chamber*
Investigated how the insurance sector sustains fossil fuel expansion while withdrawing coverage from climate-vulnerable communities connecting financial systems, risk policy, and environmental justice.

"Marine Die-Offs Signal a Climate Emergency" (Article) · *Change the Chamber*
Co-authored examination of accelerating ocean ecosystem collapse as an indicator of broader climate disruption; aimed at bridging scientific research and policy urgency for general audiences.

"Flooded Systems: How Climate and Infrastructure Failed Texas" (Article) · *Change the Chamber*

Connected climate science, infrastructure policy, and real-world disaster impacts to argue for resilient, equity-centered federal investment in climate adaptation.

Podcast Guest, Episode 51, September 2026 · *Ready Living Podcast with Andrea Weckerle*

"The Hidden Costs of Our Food System for People, Animals, and the Planet." Discussed what food prices leave out (land, water, labor, animal welfare) and the policy pressure needed to change it.

Federal Testimony: Presented at EPA federal hearings as a representative of Change the Chamber, advocating for equitable climate-risk policy and community-centered environmental enforcement.

Congressional & Corporate Engagement: Regularly selected to represent CTC in direct meetings with elected officials (Sen. Jon Ossoff, GA) and corporate stakeholders (Coca-Cola, Cengage) to advance equitable climate and food-risk policy.

EDUCATION & RESEARCH

B.A. Sustainability (Science), Biology Minor · *Baldwin Wallace University*

Berea, OH · August 2018 - May 2022

- **Senior Capstone:** Conducted a county-wide air quality assessment using PM2.5 sensors we designed, built, and deployed in the field. Exposed statistically significant links between historical redlining policies and current environmental health disparities in Cuyahoga County.
- **CampusPlate App:** Co-designed a campus food-waste data-tracking platform with faculty and cross-departmental student teams; awarded both phases of the EPA People, Prosperity & Planet (P3) Grant ($125,000).
- **Hydroponics at BW:** Proposed and advocated for on-campus hydroponic agriculture to support campus Dining Services; awarded $2,000 via the Women for BW Academic Enrichment Award.
- Leadership: President, Students Tending Natural Gardens (2020–22); VP Recruitment & Retention, Panhellenic Council (2020)

VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY

Panda Ambassador · World Wildlife Fund (WWF) · 2026 - Present
Environmental Justice Data & Mapping Society · FracTracker Alliance · 2026 - Present
Washington Conservation Action Ambassador · 2025 - Present
Civic Action Team Member · 350 WA · 2025 - Present
Alumni Engagement Ambassador · Baldwin Wallace University · 2026 - Present

SKILLS

Policy & Research: Climate & environmental policy · food systems & agricultural policy · animal welfare legislation · environmental justice analysis · legislative & regulatory research · federal agency engagement · coalition representation

Writing & Communications: Policy briefs · op-eds & public commentary · press releases · grant writing support · science communication · data storytelling · advocacy messaging · public testimony

Tools & Systems: CRM management (Monday.com, Asana) · Google Workspace · Microsoft Office · data tracking & dashboards · Canva · social media strategy

Certifications & Awards: LSAT Study Grant, Animal Legal Defense Fund (2026) · Animal Advocacy Careers Certificate (2025) · Women for BW Student Academic Enrichment Award (2020)