

Cara Peace

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EDUCATION

Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs and the Earth Institute
Masters of Public Administration in Environmental Science and Policy (2010)

University of California at Santa Barbara, College of Creative Studies
Bachelor of Arts in Creative Studies, emphasis Biology (2003)

ACADEMIC HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Council of Women World Leaders Environmental Policy Graduate Fellowship
Office of the European Commissioner for Climate Action in Brussels, Belgium (declined)

Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs Environmental Studies
Fellowship (2009-2010)

University of California at Santa Barbara, College of Creative Studies
Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Santa Barbara County Oak Restoration Program, Sedgwick Reserve (2002)

Santa Barbara City College
Paul F. Glen Scholarship for achievement in biological sciences studies (2000)

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Climatology, Environmental Chemistry, Environmental Ethics, Environmental Policy, Financial Management, Geographic Information Systems, Global Science Writing, Hydrology, International Relations of the Environment, Micro Economic and Policy Analysis, Physiological Plant Ecology, Plant Physiology, Public Management, Workshop in Policy Analysis

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California at San Diego
Guest lecturer: "Estimating Forest Carbon Stocks" (2010)

University of California at Santa Barbara (2003-2004)
Teaching assistant for plant ecology

Santa Barbara City College (2000-2003)

Reader for botany and plant biodiversity, plant collector for California Flowering Plant Identification

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Environmental Defense Fund (2010)

Consultant

- Co-manager of a group of 12 graduate students on a research project: *Evaluating the Possibilities for an International Climate Change Regime*: Researching the potential paths forward for a global climate agreement following the latest UNFCCC meeting in Copenhagen.

Tropical Forest Group (TFG) (2006-2010)

Assistant Director

- Responsible for policy research and media strategies for the TFG delegation to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Indonesia, Poland and Denmark. Synthesized complex negotiations, provided media with summaries, wrote and distributed daily press releases; managed all web-based content, education, and outreach.
- In 2010 will be working to ensure the US and other governments honor the \$3.5 billion in fast-start REDD commitments made at COP15.

Santa Barbara City College, Center for Sustainability (2006)

Coordinator

- Assisted with visioning and branding, designed visual representation
- Facilitated coordination of community launch
- Performed independent and collaborative research and administrative functions

Cara Peace Graphic and Website Design (2003-2009)

Proprietor

- Worked closely with diverse organizations and individuals to capture and communicate their essence, and present their information to the public in an effective way, including website design, logos, stationary, cards, newsletters, signage and press releases.

Skills

- *Microsoft Office Suite,*
- *Adobe Creative Suite- Illustrator, Photoshop, Acrobat Professional, Dreamweaver and Fireworks*
- *Botanical and Scientific Illustration: Created cover for "Common Seaweeds of the Gulf of California" Portfolio available upon request*
- *Photography: Amateur nature photography*