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EDUCATION

- UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
Department of Geography and Planning
Economic Geography Research Cluster
M.A. THESIS OPTION
Sep 2017 - Present
- UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
Specialist degree in Human Geography
Graduated with High Distinction, 3.93 GPA
HONOURS B.A.
Sep 2014 - June 2016
- YORK UNIVERSITY, GLENDON COLLEGE
Bilingual program in International Studies
Tranfered with 4.0 GPA
INTERNATIONAL B.A.
Sep 2012 - June 2014

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- M.A. THESIS
This research applies qualitative methods to explore how the scale and structure of agricultural markets may impact the ways that smallholder farmers in Jalisco, Mexico experience and adapt to market-based risk.
SUPERVISOR:
RYAN ISAKSON
Sep 2017 - Present
- UNDERGRADUATE INDEPENDENT STUDY
This work analyzed the Mexican agricultural sector during free trade intensification under the North American Free Trade Agreement, particularly the strategies used by small-scale farmers to adapt to these changes.
SUPERVISOR:
RYAN ISAKSON
Jan - April 2016
- UNDERGRADUATE INDEPENDENT FIELD RESEARCH
This work consisted of interviews with 30 farmers and heads of food organizations, concerning recent shifts in the EU's subsidy structure under conditions of intensifying agricultural trade.
SUPERVISOR:
JUN ZHANG
April - August 2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- POLITICAL ECONOMY OF FOOD
Course Description: Examines how institutions and power relations shape the production and distribution of food, particularly in the global South.
Responsibilities included planning and leading a two-hour guest lecture and group discussion, communicating with students, consulting with the instructor in planning the course, and grading.
TEACHING ASSISTANT
Jan - April 2018
- POLITICAL ECONOMY OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Course Description: Introduces major development problems, focused on international political economy factors. Examines trade, aid, multilateral institutions.
Responsibilities included planning and leading student turotials, communicating with students, writing exam questions, consulting with the instructor in planning the course, and grading.
TEACHING ASSISTANT
Sep - Dec 2017

AWARDS, PUBLICATIONS, AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

- *Nominee*, TATP T.A. Teaching Excellence Award
- Conference of Latin American Geography Student Field Study Award
- Department of Geography and Planning Research Fellowship
- Dean's International Initiative Fund Research Grant
- William Dean Scholarship in Geography for Field Research
- Kamm, C. (2018). Situating Local Food within the Social Economy: A Relational Approach to Localization. Panel presentation at AFHVS Annual Conference.
- Kamm, C. (2016). Local Resistance to the Market Society: Mexican Agrarianism under NAFTA. Paper presented at the Victoria College Capstone Symposium, Toronto, ON.
- Kamm, C. (2015). Regional Incompatibility under the North American Free Trade Agreement: An embeddedness approach to agricultural development. University of Toronto Undergraduate Geography Journal.

INDEPENDENT PROJECTS

- **FRESH DATA NETWORK**
Start-up with grant funding from the the Mexican government and based on previous research. The Fresh Data Network is a digital platform to map local food systems, allowing consumers to easily find local producers.
CO-FOUNDER
June 2016 - Present
- **THE FOOD LESS TRAVELED**
The Food Less Traveled is a documentary series spotlighting local food initiatives across North America. The series was independently developed in collaboration with ten food and farming organizations.
CREATOR
July 2017 - Present

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **FOOD TANK: THE THINK TANK FOR FOOD**
Responsibilities included researching and writing articles (16 published in total), database creation and management, and communications with press on behalf of the organization.
**WRITING INTERN /
MEDIA COORDINATOR**
Jan - Oct 2017
- **RESEARCH GROUP HEADED BY CYNTHIA WILLIAMS**
Research topic: behavioural regulations in the Dutch financial industry. Responsibilities included interview transcription and communications with research group about key themes across the interviews.
TRANSCRIPTIONIST
June 2016 - June 2017
- **NATIONAL ARCHIVES FOUNDATION**
Responsibilities included grant writing, social media content creation, drafting letters to key donors, writing the quarterly Newsletter, and serving as a representative of the organization at special events.
**DEVELOPMENT INTERN /
CONTENT WRITER**
Nov. 2015 - Feb. 2016
May - August 2013
Jan. - August 2012

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

- LUNIK COOPERATIVE CAFE

One of 4 coordinators of a student-run co-op. Responsibilities included promoting the cafe, educational campaigns on co-op principles, organizing events within the space, communicating with the membership.

COMMUNICATIONS
COORDINATOR
July 2013 - Sep 2014

- THE DEMOCRACY CENTER

Responsibilities included developing a Resource Library of advocacy materials; creating the structure of a web project that brings together the Resource Library and activists through an interactive, social media platform.

WEB DEVELOPER AND
CONTENT WRITER
May - Sep 2013

SKILLS

- Languages: Native English speaker; fluent Spanish; strong French
- Computer: MS Office, WordPress, Photoshop, ArcGIS
- Research skills including research plan development; conducting interviews; transcription and data synthesis; use of online databases; synthesis of scholarly articles and government reports; and writing research reports.
- Excellent written and spoken communication skills
- Entrepreneurial skills including business plan development; grant writing; business pitch presentation; incorporation and financial management; and team management.