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Education

<i>St. Mary's College of Maryland</i>	Economics & Sociology/ Anthropology	BA; 2001
<i>Virginia Tech</i>	Political Science	MA; 2008
<i>Virginia Tech</i>	Forest Resources & Environmental Conservation	PhD; 2011
Graduate Certificates (from <i>Virginia Tech</i>)		2008-2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental Policy & Politics• Non-profit organizational management• Policy Analysis		

Areas of Expertise/ Research Interest

- Design thinking processes
- Socio-ecological systems
- Cross-boundary collaboration strategies
- Green infrastructure
- Biodiversity data structures & processes
- Collective impact strategies

Professional Experience

<i>Captain Planet Foundation</i>	4/2015-current
<u>Vice President; previously Director of Strategic Partnerships</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Design & develop youth engagement programs for scale• Design, development, and testing of dynamic youth activation platforms• Strategic planning and partnership development• Operational systems design & management• Web design and management	
<i>Independent Consulting</i>	2/2013- current
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research & Writing• Food systems, urban forestry, sustainable development goals	
<i>Center for Leadership in Global Sustainability (CLiGS)– Virginia Tech</i>	
<u>Adjunct Faculty</u> – Master of Natural Resources (teaching courses in) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Infrastructure for Resilience• Transboundary Resource Management	2011-current
<u>Administrative/ Professional (AP) Faculty</u> – Master of Natural Resources program <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developed and delivered “international field experience” courses focused on innovative sustainable development strategies in Brazil, China, India, and South Africa• Developed content for Executive MNR program with emphasis on developing partnerships & leadership skills for sustainable development	3/2011-3/2015
<u>Assistant Director of CLiGS</u> (following reorganization; reporting directly to Director) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designed process and content for team-based “International Field Experience” requirement for all graduate programs• Designed content for and facilitation of professional certificate programs• Developed and managed web and communications strategy for organization	3/2014-3/2015

Associate Director of Global & Research Programs

3/2012-2014

- Developed research program (proposal development & project management)
 - Focus on green infrastructure, urban forestry, 21st century land planning approaches, integrated watershed management, community engagement strategies, collaborative conservation
- Developed suite of global education & engagement project-based programs focused on environmental sustainability strategies that entail cross-sector and multi-disciplinary partnerships in rapidly developing regions of the world
- Worked in China, India, Brazil, and South Africa

Research Associate

3/2011-2012

- Managed 2-year USDA funded project grant on green infrastructure institutional support in the US
- Served as green infrastructure liaison to visiting delegations

Virginia Tech – Graduate School

Research & Teaching Assistant – Dept of Forest Res. & Env. Conservation

2008-2011

- USFS funded research on emergent conservation-development strategies by land trusts in the US (compared to internationally)
- Teaching Assistant for Nature & American Values course (130 students)
 - XCaliber Award for innovative use of technology in the classroom

Teaching Assistant – Department of Political Science

2006-2008

- Global Political Economy
- International Politics

Planned Parenthood of Blue Ridge

2005-2007

Development Coordinator

- Managed donor relations, development admin, and event coordination

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

2002-2005

Environmental Educator

- Developed and led education programs for student, teacher, civic, and donor groups, ranging from 1-14 days, to highlight organizational priority areas

Publications

Peer-Review:

- **Kimmel, C.**, Perlstein, A., Mortimer, M. J., Zhou, D., & Robertson, D. P. (2015). Sustainability of tourism as development strategy for cultural-landscapes in China: Case study of Ping'an Village. *Journal of Rural and Community Development*, 10(2), 121-135.
- Hull, R.B. D.P. Robertson, **C.E. Kimmel**, and B. McCutchan. (2014, July). Collaborative Leadership for Sustainable Development in Global Supply Chains: Partnering Across Sectors to Reduce Amazon Deforestation. Solutions. www.thesolutionsjournal.org
- **Kimmel, C.E.** and R.B. Hull (2012). Ecological entrepreneurship support networks: Roles and functions for conservation organizations. *Geoforum* 43(1): 58-67.
- **Kimmel, C.E.**, Hull, R.B., Stephenson, M.O., Robertson, D.P., and Cowgill, K.H. (2012). Building community capacity and social infrastructure through landcare: A case study of land grant engagement. *Higher Education* 64(2): 223-235.