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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Geographical & Sustainability Sciences, University of Iowa

Dissertation: “*The impact of Social Capital & Vulnerability on Equitable Disaster Recovery*”

B.A. Major: Urban Studies, Minor: Environmental Studies, Bryn Mawr College

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

2025-2026 **Founder & Principal Consultant, CEED Resilience LLC, Oregon.**

- Client: *Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies*, Midwest Disaster Relief & Recovery
 - Program Evaluation & Strategy: Advised program officer to inform portfolio prioritization by developing scenario-based maps aligned with donor intent, funding strategy, and equity needs for disaster response and recovery.
- Client: *Unite Oregon*, Plan for Resilient Oregon – State Grant
 - Government Grant Management & Reporting: On behalf of Unite, I am managing an Oregon Grant to facilitate regional forums to identify resilience policy needs, lift community-based solutions, and build partnerships across 20 nonprofits, COADS, and CBOs to build resilience around multiple natural hazards.

2021-2025 **Director of Disaster Resilience Program, Just Solutions, California.**

- Program Development: I developed the disaster resilience research and policy program and managed a team of three to publish monthly blogs and quarterly briefs to inform climate nonprofit organizations on timely disaster resilience resources and tools.
- Technical Assistance: I developed a policy brief and toolkit for the National Partnership for New Americans on climate change impact on internal and external migration.
- Cross-Partner Collaboration: Collaborated with National Low Income Housing Coalition and Legal Aid organizations to co-write comment letters to FEMA in support of equity.

2019-2021 **Community Resilience Planner, Astig Planning LLC, Iowa.**

- Adaptive Management: In response to COVID, adapted engagement strategies to inform the plan and meet immediate needs through food pantry and church partnerships.
- Community-led implementation: In partnership and co-design with a local food pantry, church, and an immigrant rights nonprofit, I facilitated the development of the Flood Resilience Action Plan, which received the Environmental Planning Award from the Iowa American Planning Association and elements of the plan were adopted by the city.

2016-2019 **Researcher, Flood Resilience Watershed Approach, Iowa Flood Center, Iowa.**

- Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning: Co-developed the Flood Resilience Framework and identified core applied strategies and evaluation metrics for Flood Resilience Action Plans

across eight watersheds in Iowa as part of the 5-year HUD-funded Resilience Grant. Identified and analyzed key metrics of success to inform the program evaluation.

2013-2015 **Project Coordinator**, Latino Health Equity Project, *Center for worker Justice*.

- Community-engagement: Led Spanish photo-voice focus groups to engage women living in manufactured homes to address housing health and extreme weather.

VALUES ALIGN VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2020-2022 **Climate & EJ Director**, *League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)*, Iowa.

- Emergency Response: In Iowa we had a complex disaster of COVID and Derecho Storm that particularly impacted low-income communities living in a manufactured housing. I organized mutual-aid effort through partnerships with a local food pantry to deliver food to their homes and organized a campaign with another nonprofit where stable families donated their COVID economic stimulus vouchers to those impacted by the Derecho Storm.
- Foundation Grant Management: Secured 2-year Midwest Environmental Justice Network grant for LULAC, managed and reported on the grant deliverables.
- Relationship Development: Established the climate and environmental justice initiative for LULAC Iowa by identifying environmental/economic needs through stakeholder engagement with local LULAC chapters and partnership with indigenous organizations.

2016-2026 **volunteer**, *Bill Anderson Fund (BAF) for Hazard Mitigation*.

- Strategic Planning: when I served as Chair of the BAF fellows, I planned an executive retreat, developed a strategic plan, key outputs and progress markers across multiple programs including brand new initiatives. Over a decade later these programs are still part of BAF.

2011-2011 **volunteer**, *Women's Watch China* (legal NGO), Beijing, China.

- Volunteered for organization that protects women's rights and gender equality through legal advocacy. Provided policy research and attended workshops.

2010-2010 **volunteer**, *Viva Nicaragua Center for Social Justice*, Granada, Nicaragua.

- Culture Competence: Learned cultural humility and the environmental and gender issues that impact women in the outskirts of Granada. Designed activities that combined environmental cleaning and art for mother and kid as a learning opportunity and connection.

REFERENCE

Erin Coryell, Program Officer at Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies, ecoryell@macphil.org
Nnenia Campbell, Executive Director at Bill Anderson Fund, nnenia@billandersonfund.org