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Education:

Bachelor of Science: Double Major: Finance and Economics Dec. 2006
University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming

Master of Science: Double Major: Agricultural and Applied Economics, Environment and Natural Resources May 2009
University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming

Thesis Title: Factors Affecting Conservation Easement Acceptance: An Analysis across Colorado and Wyoming Landowners

Relevant Skills:

- Experience with Microsoft Office software to construct technical reports and oral presentations
- Experience constructing, reviewing, editing, and presenting environmental assessments, including:
 - Use of IMPLAN software to estimate socioeconomic impacts regarding three alternatives to mitigate carbon dioxide emissions from Jim Bridger Power Plant in Sweetwater County, WY
 - Use of economic non-market valuation techniques to quantify potential impacts of carbon dioxide mitigation alternatives on recreation/tourism, water regulation, and water supply in Sweetwater County, WY
 - Experience using GIS software to map anticipated impacts of carbon dioxide mitigation alternatives
 - Collaborative experience with other academic and non-academic disciplines to construct and edit finished assessment
 - Presentation and defense of anticipated socioeconomic impacts in Sweetwater County for three carbon dioxide mitigation alternatives
- Experience researching, reviewing, editing, and presenting research analyzing landowner preferences for conservation easements, including:
 - Use of LIMDEP econometric software to construct Random Utility Models using Random Parameters Logit estimation of variable influence on landowner decisions regarding conservation easements
 - Experience using SAS software to conduct variable correlation testing
 - Numerous oral presentations and defense to diverse audiences regarding results and implications
- Conducted cost-benefit analysis of exurban development scenario in the East River Valley of Colorado, including:
 - Use of economic non-market valuation techniques to quantify impacts of proposed development on ecosystem goods and services
 - Presentation and defense of results and implications of exurban development on ecosystem goods and services

Academic Awards:

2nd Place in College of Agriculture article submission competition to *Reflections*, a University of Wyoming publication – as chosen by a Faculty Story Review Committee. Article title: “Can Conservation Easements Help Keep the ‘Rural’ in Rural Communities?” University of Wyoming College of Agriculture publication.

Academic Positions:

Spring 2009 – *Teaching Assistant*: Economics of Rangeland Resources, AGEC 4700, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY

Spring 2008-present – *Research Assistant*: Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY

Fall 2007 – *Teaching Assistant*: Economics, Law, and Government, ECON 1200, Department of Economics and Finance, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY

Academic References:

Dr. Donald McLeod, Associate Professor
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Dr. Christopher Bastian, Assistant Professor
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Other Employment:

May 2004-present – *Professional Mover*: Cowboy Moving and Storage, Laramie, WY

Relevant Skills:

- First-hand experience of small business operation and decision-making
- Experience working with individuals and companies throughout the state
- Experience working and traveling in high elevations, rugged terrain, and highly variable weather conditions
- Experience working on tasks that demand a great deal of trust and dependence among co-workers

Employment Reference:

Mr. Keith Braisted and Mr. Kenny Braisted, Owners
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