

After graduating in May 2012, I took some time to travel and began working in November 2012 for the Idaho Meth Project as the Program Coordinator. I was responsible for managing community outreach endeavors, volunteers and supporting our administrative and fundraising efforts. In fall 2014 I enrolled at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey to pursue a Master of Public Administration (4 semester program) with a focus on International Development. In January 2015 I took part in a short-course certificate training program in Rwanda working with Partners in Health. "Design, Partnering, Management & Innovation (DPMI)" allowed me to acquire skills for international development and project management. It was an incredibly valuable experience to me and I'd highly recommend it to anyone interested in working in the field of social change. More on the program (open to undergraduates as well) here: <http://www.miiis.edu/academics/short/development-management>.

This past spring semester I worked as a research assistant for Save the Children's annual State of the World's Mothers Report, working on research projects that were included in the report in addition to my regular coursework. I also work part-time with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County as a Development Associate, assisting with various fundraising projects - skills I have found to be helpful as I'm beginning to search for job opportunities. Most recently, I worked with a former College of Idaho colleague, Casey Mattoon in Nicaragua for the summer - consulting with an NGO and designing and implementing an impact evaluation for a micro-credit project.

Sophie Dresser, 2012

I graduated in 2012 with a double major in Political Economy and Environmental Studies. Starting freshmen year with an interest in politics and being an active Speech & Debate team member, I began adding international and environmental classes based on my interest in conservation issues worldwide. At the College, I was able to pursue this interest through course work and my successful application with the Davis Projects for Peace program, doing a project in Cairo, Egypt of an environmental NGO in 2010. I continued gaining professional nonprofit experience at C of I working with the Office of Student Involvement, volunteering for the Foothills Learning Center, and my senior capstone and seminar classes. After graduation, I worked for the summer as a Boise River Campaign Inter with Idaho Rivers United before entering the Peace Corps Nicaragua in August 2012. I spent my first two years as an Environmental Volunteer and the last year as Regional Volunteer Leader with Peace Corps and a Human Development Facilitator for Outreach International."

Casey Mattoon, 2012

I graduated from the College of Idaho in 2013 with degrees in International Political Economy and Environmental Studies. After graduating, I worked as an administrative assistant at Treasure Valley Midwives, LLC in Boise, Idaho until I left for the Peace Corps in March 2014. I am currently working as a community-based natural resource management volunteer in Malawi, Africa, and will finish my service in May 2016. My experiences in the field and in the classroom with the Political Economy Department prepared me to serve with a comprehensive understanding of international development (which has often worked against me, ignorance

really might be bliss...). I look forward to returning to the States and pursuing an advanced degree in International Policy. Go Yotes!

Anna Mansfield, 2013

I am Luis Reyes Escate, during my time at the C of I I double majored on International Political Economy and Anthropology/Sociology. Since my graduation from the C of I, May 2013, I have continued to enhance my educational background while conducting projects and activities that seeks to meliorate the social environment that surrounds me. For example, right after I graduated, I came back to my home country, Peru, to work for an indigenous NGO called Chirapaq. As the director's assistant, I was one of the people that design the methodology of the World Conference of Indigenous Women that took place in Lima, Peru. During the following year, 2014, I and a group of friends developed PÁZala project, which was one of the ten projects awarded with the Peace Project Grant of The Journalist and Writers Foundation. Also, during that year I got a scholarship to study MPhil in Social Anthropology at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS) in Porto Alegre, Brazil. Currently, I am doing research on the afro-bolivian community of Tocaña, La Paz, and seeking to complete my masters at the end of this year.

Luis Reyes Escate, 2013

I applied to and was accepted into several graduate school programs in International Development, some with more of an emphasis on the social policy aspect and some with more of an emphasis on the economic policy aspect. I chose to pursue a brand new program with Georgetown University (Washington, D.C.), that was partnered with a South American university in Buenos Aires, Argentina. I enrolled in the program and was able to live in Argentina for nearly three years completing the Master's degree in Development Management and Public Policy. The tremendous opportunity to live in a developing nation, while having access to all levels of policy making and development groups, was beyond expectation.

I was able to work first-hand with policymakers, citizens, community organizations, and government officials, as well as professional development aid workers from the International Development Bank, United Nations, and other groups. My advisers were top professors and/or professionals in the development field, who were currently working in South American development policy and aid work. Upon graduating, most of my peers moved to Washington, D.C. or other international policy hubs and continue to be involved in international policy and development; several work as accountability experts for international aid development groups and several others have since joined the State Department abroad.

Since returning to Idaho, I have worked primarily in non-profit and community development work, until an opportunity to do policy implementation and analysis opened up with the passing of the Affordable Care Act. I currently work as a Policy Specialist for the Idaho state based insurance exchange, Your Health Idaho.

Frances Nagashima, 2001

Since graduation, I've traveled the world. I taught English in Poland, and then got a Masters in International Relations from Hult International Business School in London. Since moving to Washington, DC seven years ago, I have had several positions in the international development non-profit field. I have worked as an institutional contractor at USAID in the Knowledge Services Center and a major business intelligence researcher at one of the largest international development non-profits. I currently work as a Business Development Associate at the National Cooperative Business Associations' CLUSA International program, where I facilitate the proposal process for USAID and USDA new business.

Marcy Brown, 2002