

Recognized leader in sustainability with over 20 years of experience designing and implementing economic, climate and energy policy in government, non-governmental organizations, academia and the private sector. Successfully navigates complex interagency and multi-stakeholder processes to integrate sustainability and Environment, Social Governance (ESG) into policy, planning and action. Offers expertise in developing innovative partnerships, and leveraging private resources to reduce climate-related risk and build community resilience. Blends experience working at the local, regional, national and international level, including the United Nations, to deliver localized models for implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Experienced and compelling public speaker.

EDUCATION

- MSc in Development Studies, University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies, July 2005.
- B.A., International Relations and German Studies, Tufts University, July 1998.
- Certificate, Political Science, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, 1997.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Hawaii Green Growth Local2030 Hub

Executive Director, September 2015- Present

- Lead team that coordinates 100+ membership organization to catalyze action across government, private sector and civil society to achieve Hawaii's 2030 sustainability goals and serve as a model for green growth.
- Work with partners to implement the UN Sustainable Development Goals through a local framework, now recognized by the United Nations as a Local2030 Hub for sustainability.
- Chair the Hawaii Sustainability Business Forum with Hawaii's top CEOs.
- Oversee online Dashboard that tracks progress on Hawai'i's statewide 2030 sustainability goals.
- Implementing the Local2030 Island Network to help implement the SDGs across island economies in partnership with UN agencies, governments and the private sector.
- Developed a Community Investment Vehicle to deliver watershed wide green infrastructure and services, innovative financing mechanisms and ecosystems services.

JOHNS HOPKINS, School of Advanced International Studies, Energy, Resources & Environment Program

Professorial Lecturer and Practitioner in Residence, September 2012 – August 2019

- Managed a competitive graduate-level Practicum program that engaged private sector partners to address emerging energy, climate and resilience challenges and published annual reports. Clients included Swiss Re, AECOM, BP, Global Island Partnership and Government of Seychelles. Past reports supported G7, G20 and World Bank policy discussions on wildfire and flood risk, pandemic and invasive species threats.
- Instructed two independently designed courses. “*International Energy and Environmental Policy: Rethinking Multilateral Engagement*” and “*Case Studies in Sustainable Development: Smart Cities and Urban Innovation*”.

c.dots development, LLC

CEO and co-founder, October 2012 – Present

- Work with investors, developers, governments, and philanthropic organizations to build new and innovative public-private partnerships that mobilize investments in sustainable infrastructure systems and services globally.
- Launched a \$3.5 million Rockefeller Foundation-supported initiative to catalyze private investment in green urban infrastructure in eight US cities.

THE WHITE HOUSE, National Security Council and National Economic Council

Director for Environment and Climate Change, March 2008 - August 2012

- Designed and implemented US international and domestic economic, environment, climate, and energy policy.
- Chaired cross agency meetings in preparation for multilateral climate and environment negotiations, including the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) negotiations, the G7, G20, the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministerial, the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), and US Global Climate Change Initiative (GCCII) to integrated climate change into foreign assistance.

- Advised the President and Vice President of the United States, Cabinet members, members of Congress and Congressional staff on environment and sustainable development policy and international negotiations.
- Worked with the US Special Envoys for Climate Change and Energy to develop US climate and clean energy policy, and helped launch the Major Economies Forum (MEF) on Energy and Climate, the Climate and Clean Air Coalition, and the Tropical Forest Alliance (TFA2020) in advance of Rio+20.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Economic and Finance Officer, US Embassy Riyadh, February 2007 - February 2008

- Advised US officials on Saudi terrorism finance, banking, and capital markets issues. Regularly briefed the Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism on US-Saudi bilateral economic issues and chaired monthly Embassy counterterrorism finance meetings.
- Led bilateral engagement on money laundering and terrorist financing related to the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), working with senior Saudi officials to develop locally appropriate policies in compliance with international standards.

Special Assistant to the Undersecretary for Democracy and Global Affairs, Washington, D.C., January 2006- January 2007

- Advised the Under Secretary and US Principals on climate, energy, and environment policy.
- Led the development of the US-EU High-Level Dialogue on Climate Change, Clean Energy, and Sustainable Development to strengthen cooperation on energy efficiency and renewable energy.
- Coordinated interagency policy preparations for the UN Climate Change Conference (COP-12), the Arctic Council Ministerial, and the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate meetings.

Energy, Environment and Agriculture Officer, US Embassy Athens, July 2003-August 2004

- Led environment, science, technology, agriculture, health and energy policy at the US Embassy.
- Developed a recycling program for the 2004 Olympics with the Olympic Committee and US EPA.
- Coordinated the Regional Water Data Banks Project to facilitate the exchange of reliable water data.

Economic Officer and Negotiator, US Mission to the United Nations, August 2002-January 2003

- Represented the US in environment and development negotiations at the 57th UN General Assembly, including follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) and UNESCO.
- Coordinated the Third Sudan Donors Conference on humanitarian assistance to Sudan.

Special Assistant to the Ambassador & Non-Immigrant Visa Chief, US Embassy Berlin, July 2000-July 2002

- Managed the Non-Immigrant Visa Unit. Coordinated policy between the Executive Office and agencies housed within the Embassy, advised the Ambassador on the full range of issues.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF NEW YORK

Advisor to the Commissioner for the UN, Consular Corps and Protocol, August 1998- January 2000

- Facilitated relations between the City of New York and the diplomatic and consular community.

BOARDS, MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER EXPERIENCE

Hawaiian Electric Industries, Independent Director

Global Island Partnership, Board Member

Icebreaker One, Advisory Board Member

University of Hawaii Institute for Sustainability and Resilience, Board Member

City and County of Honolulu and 100RC Resilience Strategy, Steering Committee Member

America's Service Commissions, Former Board Member

VERGE Asia-Pacific Clean Energy Conference, Advisory Board Member

IUCN 2016 World Conservation Congress, Host Committee Member

Council on Foreign Relations, Term Member

Hawaii Business Magazine 20 for the Next 20 – *Hawaii's Emerging Leaders and People To Watch*

ORIGIN Magazine's "Climate Changers: Top Thinkers and Doers" – *37 most influential minds*

Meritorious Honor Award, US Department of State, 2004 and 2007

Languages: English - fluent. German – proficient; Spanish and Greek – limited knowledge

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Served as the Faculty Advisor to the following publications as part of the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) Energy Resources and Environment Program in partnership with Swiss Re.

[“Building Resilience to the Economic Threat of Invasive Species”](#), April 2018

[“Lights Out: Grid Vulnerability in the Pacific Northwest”](#), April 2017

[“Pandemics in a Changing Climate –Evolving Risk and the Global Response”](#), April 2016

[“Fueling Resilience: Climate and Wildfire Risk in the US”](#), January 2015

[“Own Your Risk”](#), September 2014