
AMANDA LEINBERGER

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EDUCATION

MIDDLEBURY INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT MONTEREY (MIIS) (FORMERLY MONTEREY INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES), MONTEREY, CA

Master of Arts in International Environmental Policy, December 2014

Concentration in Ocean and Coastal Resource Management

FRANKLIN UNIVERSITY SWITZERLAND, LUGANO, SWITZERLAND

Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies, Cum Laude, May 2011

Minors: French and Political Science

Dean's List Award: Four Semesters

STUDY ABROAD WITH THE SCHOOL FOR FIELD STUDIES,

YUNGABURRA, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA – SEPTEMBER 2009-DECEMBER 2009

Conducted an independent research project on best management practices of farmers.

EXPERIENCE

ADAPTATION PROGRAM MANAGER, CENTER FOR CLIMATE ADAPTATION SCIENCE AND SOLUTIONS (CCASS), UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA; TUCSON, AZ – JANUARY 2018-PRESENT

Manage CCASS activities including planning advisory team meetings, organizing conferences and workshops, and supporting projects and proposals. Collaborate with faculty, staff, and others to create and deliver adaptation-related programming and resources. Develop, improve, and maintain the CCASS website by updating and creating new content using Drupal. Engage in writing, editing, and submission of reports and follow-on products from conferences, workshops, and collaborations. Serve as co-investigator on a project to create a regional Southwest adaptation practitioners network.

NOAA COASTAL MANAGEMENT FELLOW, PUERTO RICO COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM; SAN JUAN, PR – AUGUST 2015-AUGUST 2017

Co-led the development of Puerto Rico's State of the Climate Report: 2014-2017 and served as lead of the working group dedicated to communication and outreach. Coordinated the Puerto Rico Climate Change Council and engaged members through annual summits, working group meetings, and frequent communications. Developed a vulnerability self-assessment toolkit to help communities understand their coastal hazard risk and offer feasible adaptation strategies.

RESEARCH SUBCONTRACTOR, MIIS; MONTEREY, CA – FEBRUARY 2015-MAY 2015

Collected data on recreational beach usage as a component of the Climate Ready Project examining the Economic Impact of Climate Adaptation Strategies for Southern Monterey Bay. Conducted counts of beach usage by type of activity. Administered surveys to the public to gain more insight into how people use the beach.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT, MIIS; MONTEREY, CA – SEPTEMBER 2014-DECEMBER 2014

Researched emerging goods and services aimed at helping businesses and individuals adapt to the effects of coastal climate risk. Drafted policy briefs to highlight emerging sectors and identified policies impeding risk-reduction approaches. Created final report to analyze and disseminate findings.

CENTER FOR THE BLUE ECONOMY SUMMER FELLOW, THE NATURE CONSERVANCY (TNC);
GRENADA, WEST INDIES – JUNE 2014-AUGUST 2014

Analyzed the relationship between TNC and the Grenada Red Cross Society to compose a report outlining their projects to support climate adaptation and coastal resilience. Synthesized information from past reports including a climate vulnerability and capacity assessment. Supported community outreach projects and meetings.

LIABILITY CLAIMS REPRESENTATIVE, GEICO; TUCSON, AZ – NOVEMBER 2011-MAY 2013

Investigated complex claims dealing with injuries, liability disputes, and coverage issues. Communicated effectively with attorneys, medical providers, and customers to resolve claims. Received specialized training in customer service and was promoted in January 2013 to analyze and settle more intricate claims.

PUBLICATIONS

Gould, W.A., E.L. Díaz, (co-leads), N.L. Álvarez-Berríos, F. Aponte-González, W. Archibald, J.H. Bowden, L. Carrubba, W. Crespo, S.J. Fain, G. González, A. Goulbourne, E. Harmsen, E. Holupchinski, A.H. Khalyani, J. Kossin, A.J. Leinberger, V.I. Marrero-Santiago, O. Martínez-Sánchez, K. McGinley, P. Méndez-Lázaro, J. Morell, M.M. Oyola, I.K. Parés-Ramos, R. Pulwarty, W.V. Sweet, A. Terando, and S. Torres-González. 2018. U.S. Caribbean. In *Impacts, Risks, and Adaptation in the United States: Fourth National Climate Assessment, Volume II* [Reidmiller, D.R., C.W. Avery, D.R. Easterling, K.E. Kunkel, K.L.M. Lewis, T.K. Maycock, and B.C. Stewart (eds.)]. U.S. Global Change Research Program, Washington, DC, USA, pp. 809-871. doi: 10.7930/NCA4.2018.CH20

A. Leinberger. 2017. Nature as Protection: Ecosystem-based Adaptation and Its Success in the Caribbean. The Coastal Society Blog and reprinted in *Marine Science Today*.

S. Benz, A. Dilts, R. Fisher, A. Leinberger, L. Miner-Voigt. 2010. The Franklin Sustainability Report. Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. Authors listed alphabetically.

SKILLS

LANGUAGES

English (native), French (advanced), Spanish (advanced), Italian (beginner)

TECHNOLOGY

Advanced knowledge of Microsoft Office and Apple software as well as Key Survey, Doodle, and Canva
Advanced knowledge of social media tools like Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, and Instagram
Intermediate knowledge of Geographic Information Systems and Drupal
Basic knowledge of Hypertext Markup Language