## **JOHN WILLARD**

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#### **EDUCATION**

## **UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

Ann Arbor, MI

#### Master of Science: Natural Resources and Environment: Sustainable Systems, April 2012

- Emphasis: Energy Systems Engineering, Sustainable Product Design, Corporate Environmental Strategy, Biomass Energy
- Member: Ross School of Business Energy Club, Michigan Energy Club Social Chair

# UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON - Professional and Continuing Education

Seattle, WA

- Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Certificate, June 2010
- Student Award for construction of wildlife habitat corridor assessment of Mercer Island, WA
- Presenter: Washington State Urban and Regional Information Systems Association Conference

#### UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Seattle, WA

Bachelor of Arts, History, March 2008

• Three Year Dean's List

## **EXPERIENCE AND PROJECTS**

## Summer 2011 - EMERSON ELECTRIC - INSINKERATOR DIVISION

Racine, WI

#### Present

#### **Environmental Consultant – Research and Development Engineering**

- Produced sustainability assessment for product development engineering to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the manufacturing food waste disposers by 15%
- Constructed copyrighted US wastewater treatment database to support environmental marketing strategy and increased infrastructure assessment coverage for target cities
- Formulated food waste disposer acceptance metric for top metropolitan statistical areas, identified key markets for strategic investment planning

#### Winter 2011 -

## **SWEDISH BIOGAS INTERNATIONAL**

Flint, MI

#### **Present**

## Student Consultant - Masters Project

- Conducted life-cycle-analysis team project on Swedish Biogas Facility to evaluate environmental benefit opportunities for value-added products of commercial-scale biogas production
- Developed region specific economic model to compare retail sale of biogas, biosolids and biomethane to optimize strategic financial plan for the facility

# Winter 2011 -

# **UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

Ann Arbor, MI

## **Present**

## **Geographical Information Systems Research Analyst**

- Created spatially explicit life cycle methodology for analyzing carbon and energy footprints of delivered water; informing improvements for 3% of California's total energy use
- Drafted \$100,000 research proposal to generate a weighted overlay analysis data layer to inform green infrastructure development decisions in the Detroit area

#### Winter 2009

# UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Seattle, WA

# Research Assistant, Foster School of Business

• Assisted Business Ph.D. candidate with research for dissertation focusing on the value of corporate venture capital for new ventures; featured in the Strategic Management Journal

#### 2008 - 2010

#### THE RAINIER CLUB

Seattle, WA

#### **Membership Coordinator**

- Established new programming committee for social business club with the focus of attracting membership from environmental industry professionals, resulting in \$7,000 of additional revenue
- Integrated membership database with web interface resulting in improved marketing capabilities and encouraging advanced online reservations by 120%
- Negotiated contract with postage and mail service provider to reduce costs by \$1,500 annually
- Led an inter-departmental team to establish new waste management practices resulting in diversion of 300 tons of solid waste and savings of \$13,000 annually

#### **ADDITIONAL**

- Led mountaineering expedition in northern Canada in 2007 through the National Outdoor Leadership School; mastering concepts of Leave No Trace Practices, climate change, environmental ethics, and leadership principals
- Personal interests: Whitewater kayaking the Snoqualmie River, amateur documentary filmmaker