



# Sofia M. Soto Reyes

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Trained mediator and facilitator supporting CBI clients and senior practitioners through research, writing, and communications. Areas of focus include domestic and international environmental and public policy, natural resource management, and sustainable development.

## EXPERIENCE

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| 2017-Present | <b>Consensus Building Institute</b>  | Washington, DC |
| January 2018 | <i>Junior Associate</i>  |                |
|              | Contribute to and assist with planning, assessment, design, facilitation, and mediation of collaborative decision-making processes. Conduct critical research to bolster senior practitioner understanding of relevant contexts in resolving public and environmental policy disputes.   |                |
| May 2017     | <i>Project Coordinator</i>   |                |
|              | Conducted preliminary and background research, managed stakeholder outreach, organized meetings, and provided various forms of project support to senior practitioners.  |                |
| 2017         | <b>Environmental Law Institute</b>   | Washington, DC |
|              | <i>Environmental Peacebuilding Intern</i>  |                |
|              | Project lead on chapter review of Environmental Peacebuilding (EP) synthesis book and case study researcher for design and development of EP Massive Open Online Course (MOOC). Managed back-end of Events & Announcement pages on EP knowledge platform, and contributed to bi-weekly EP updates sent out to global community of practice.  |                |
| 2016         | <b>World Resources Institute</b>   | Washington, DC |
|              | <i>Global Forest Watch (GFW) Education Research Intern</i>   |                |
|              | Developed strategic direction of a GFW Education Initiative through expert interviews and research. Designed a pilot education module and feedback survey, and field-tested module with 100+ high school students around the United States. Authored a feature posted on environmental education resources page and in newsletter circulated to 35K educators. Contributed to "Map of the Week" posts and User Profile series for the official GFW blog; hosted GFW Education Webinar. |                |
| 2014         | <b>Mayor's Office of Recovery &amp; Resiliency/NYC Service</b>   | New York, NY   |
|              | <i>Policy Research Intern</i>  |                |
|              | Conducted a literature review on the Urban Heat Island Effect in New York City and presented findings to department policy advisors. Researched and  |                |

aggregated data on extreme heat event programs of 17 cities in the US and internationally. Convened relevant NYC and Chicago policy advisors for discussion on designing heat resiliency programs.

*NYC °Cool Roofs Intern*

Supported Operations Manager with planning and organization of 2014 °CoolRoofs coating season and designed °CoolRoofs social media strategy to improve program outreach.

## EDUCATION

2011-2015	<b>Barnard College, Columbia University</b> <i>Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Policy</i>	New York, NY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Athena Scholar, Athena Center for Leadership Studies</li><li>• Thesis: <i>Drying in the Levant and Its Influence on the Implementation of Annex II in the Treaty of Peace between Jordan and Israel</i></li></ul>	
2014	<b>SIT Study Abroad, IHP: Climate Change: The Politics of Food, Water, and Energy</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Studied the social impacts of climate change through an examination of politics, geography, economics and environmental science in California, Vietnam, Morocco, and Bolivia.</li><li>• Final paper: <i>The Geopolitics of Aquifer Management in the Face of Climate Change: A Case Study of California and Bolivia</i></li></ul>	
2012	<b>Columbia Earth Institute Summer Ecosystems Experience for Undergraduates (SEE-U)</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Studied ecosystems, biodiversity and sustainable development in Jordan.</li><li>• Final paper: <i>Currents, Pollutants, and Coral Larvae Dispersal in the Gulf of Aqaba</i></li></ul>	
2018	<b>Mediation Works Inc.</b> 40-Hour Basic Mediation and Facilitation Course	Boston, MA