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PROFILE

Bringing a historic and international lens to my life's work - I center ecological sustainability, community health, and social justice. I have over 20 years of experience encompassing research, policy advocacy, community education, facilitation, writing, and nonprofit startups/management. My work is intersectional, with specific expertise in the fields of energy, climate policy, and environmental justice. I work with foundations, funder networks, city and state government agencies, nonprofits, artists, and community-based organizations to integrate a justice lens into environmental and climate programmatic work.

EDUCATION & AWARDS

YALE UNIVERSITY: Masters in Environmental Management (MEM), School of Forestry & Environmental Studies

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO: Bachelor of Science (BS), Geology & Geophysical Sciences

Loft Literary Center Mirrors and Windows Fellow

Bush Foundation Leadership Fellow

National Environmental Leadership Program Fellow

WORK EXPERIENCE

SGUPTA CONSULTING, LLC

Principal (Jan 2018 - present), Minneapolis, MN

Work: Strategic advising; policy research/planning; facilitation; speaking; stakeholder engagement design

Core areas: energy/climate; environmental justice; cumulative pollution; Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (ED&I) assessments; air pollution; land use; municipal, state, federal policy; nonprofit startup and management/grants

Recent Clients: Health and Environmental Funders Network; City of Minneapolis; Surdna Foundation; National Audubon Society; City of Providence, City of Boston (One Square World Team); Community Members for Environmental Justice

CENTER FOR EARTH, ENERGY AND DEMOCRACY (CEED)

Co-Founder and Executive Director, 2008 - 2017, Minneapolis, MN

Nonprofit strategic leadership & management; advising agencies on environmental justice; community-based policy trainings across the country; City of Minneapolis Climate and Green Zones policy work; philanthropic and donor engagement

INSTITUTE FOR AGRICULTURE AND TRADE POLICY (IATP)

Fellow and Director, (2008 - 2011), Minneapolis, MN

Rural energy burden design work; Rural Climate Dialogues expert testimony; United Nations COP15 engagement; Kellogg Foundation Food & Community Fellows Program racial equity advising; CEED incubation

IZAACK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA (IWLA)

Senior Energy Associate, (2006 - 2008), St. Paul, MN

Utility policy; conservation-agriculture coalition building; GHG, renewable energy & biomass legislative work; waste policy

THE GREEN INSTITUTE

Community Energy Project Manager (2004 - 2006), Minneapolis, MN

Community scale energy system design; wood waste procurement assessment; solar legislative work

KIEL INSTITUTE FOR THE WORLD ECONOMY

Environment and Natural Resources Research Associate (2002 - 2003), Kiel, Germany

U.S. Farm Bill review and analysis of impact on global biofuels market

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY

Policy Analyst (1999 - 2000), Argonne, IL

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and Black Carbon emissions in China; emissions calculations and data analysis