

## ERIC L. MEILS

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### Education

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#### **New York University - Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service**

**Masters of Urban Planning:**

May 2014

**Manhattanville College**, Purchase, NY

**Major:** Political Science

**Bachelor of Arts:**

May 2008

### Academic Projects

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#### ***New York University Capstone***

- Served on a 5-person team of NYU Wagner graduate candidates to develop a 30 year area plan for the Staten Island Economic Development Corporation
- Analyzed current land use patterns, environmental features, housing conditions, and demographic characteristics to determine present and future needs for the area
- Identified catalyst sites to spur economic development along the West Shore of Staten Island
- Created a SketchUp model of a mixed use development Town Center
- Developed Greenway concept for Staten Island

#### ***East New York 2020 Plan***

- Provided a document with recommendations and goals to help the community retain businesses and enhance quality of life for the residents in the area
- Surveyed local residents about present and future community needs

### Business Experience

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#### ***Milwaukee Department of City Development***

June – August 2012

##### **Intern**

Menomonee Valley Area Plan 2.0

- Completed site survey and photography of the 1200 acre Menomonee Valley
- Conducted a shift-share analysis of Milwaukee County
- Created a PowerPoint presentation for Business Improvement District members of the Menomonee Valley to effectively promote proposed plans
- Researched existing case studies nationally and internationally for potential uses of vacant parcels through out the Menomonee Valley

#### ***International Autos***, Milwaukee, WI

January - July 2011

##### **Audi Sales Representative**

#### ***Starbucks***, Milwaukee, WI and Rye, NY locations

2003 - 2011

##### **Barista**

- Progressed to Shift Supervisor

##### **Shift Supervisor**

- Trained and mentored baristas in customer service
- Tracked sales trend data to ensure appropriate inventory.
- Ensured that health and safety standards were maintained

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### Democracy Now!

September – December 2007

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- Maintained volunteer database, composed responses to constituents. Identified venues and events to promote Democracy Now!

### Community Involvement Volunteering

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#### *Urban Ecology Center*

November, 2014 – Current

##### 1. GIS Assistant

- a. Create maps using GIS and GIS Data Collector

##### 2. Neighborhood Environmental Education Project (NEEP)

- a. Teachers Assistant for grades K-5 – 8<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Provide safe transportation for children on busses from their school to the Urban Ecology Center.

##### 3. Land Stewardship Team

- a. Maintain the health and wellbeing of the Milwaukee River riverbed and natural areas by clearing invasive plant species and garbage.
- b. Plant native species to maintain health and vitality of the Milwaukee River and other natural areas.
- c. Maintenance of recreational trails near and around the Urban Ecology Center

#### *Growing Power, Milwaukee, WI, An organization that focuses on Urban Farming*

2008-2011

- Gardening Operations

#### *Discovery World Museum, Milwaukee, WI*

May-August 2008

- Assisted in special events for the Reiman Aquarium, ensuring safety of visitors and their children
- Answered questions related to aquarium animals

#### **United Nations Department of Public Information/Non Governmental Organization Conference**

**“Reaffirming Human Rights for All: The Universal Declaration at 60” UNESCO Headquarters, Paris,**

September 2008

- Registered Delegates, attended conferences, and trained volunteers.

#### *United Nations Department of Public Information,*

January – May 2008

- Organized information in the NGO Resource Center. Attended conference and briefed delegates with information on the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Relations

#### *United Nations Department of Public Information, NGO “Conference on Climate Change.”*

August – September 2007

- Registered delegates and explained information about scheduled conferences

#### *Greenpeace, Sydney, Australia*

November 2006

- Collected donations and did set up for major annual fundraiser, *The 2006 Walk Against Warming* supported by 30,000 participants

### Computer Skills

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Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite, Google Sketch up, FileMaker Pro, Autodesk Revit, GIS, Facebook, and Twitter

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### **Personal Interests**

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Cars, Sailing, Yoga, Cooking, and Traveling