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Amanda works as Practitioner Programs Manager at the McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society where she helps manage courses exploring ethical questions in the technology sector for professionals from across the world. Formerly, she ran leadership development programs for an INGO called the Asia Foundation, advancing grassroots leaders from across Asia through tailored study tours and reflective leadership frameworks. Her professional background spans international development, environmental policy, youth instruction, urban planning and the creative arts. Amanda lived and worked in Nepal for four years, first as a Peace Corps Volunteer and later to lead graduate student field research and research social enterprises. She is a volunteer judge for UC Berkeley's Annual Big Ideas contest, a student innovation competition; is part of the Skyline Garden Alliance, a native plant restoration group in the east bay hills; sits at the Oakland Photo Workshop, a community run galley for the East Bay Photographers Collective; and pursues independent documentary photography and film projects. Every summer she teaches visual art at a youth summer camp for kids in the Sierra Nevadas. She holds a BA in Architecture with a minor in City Planning from the University of California Berkeley, a MA in International Environmental Policy from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies, and a masterclass certificate for "Visual Storytelling in New Media" from the International Center of Photography. She's an avid cyclist, hiker, artist and vipassana mediator.