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I am interested in community-based solutions to challenges in coastal marine conservation and restoration. Broadly, I am interested in understanding how human societies interact with their local marine environments. In particular, my research seeks to examine how participation in monitoring and governance influences personal relationships with management systems. By understanding how a person's relationship to the ocean, personal history with nature, and social context shape individual perceptions of marine conservation, I seek to inform the co-production of sustainable ocean management programs.

Prior to my work at Stanford, I served as an officer in the US Navy working on international logistics policy research and development. I most recently worked as an environmental policy consultant and geospatial project manager for AECOM Technical Services, helping to administer the National Flood Insurance Program, leading multi-hazard mapping, policy analysis, and legislative affairs efforts in support of disaster and climate resilience across the United States.

I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science from the University of Virginia in 2017.