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SUMMARY

Experienced consultant, instructor, manager, and entrepreneur with nearly two decades of experience in the field of sustainable business and climate change action. Co-founder and former principal of a boutique consulting firm working exclusively on sustainability and climate strategy ([Good Company](#), 2001-2013), with 70+ public and private clients in 10+ U.S. states, Canada, and Central America.

Professional Expertise

- Carbon footprints and life-cycle assessment
- Combined financial and sustainability analysis
- Corporate sustainability reporting and disclosure

Fundamental Skills

- Effective communicator on complex technical issues
- Diverse writing, speaking, and teaching experience
- Leadership of teams for technical analysis

PRACTITIONER EXPERIENCE

As independent consultant and with former firm ([Good Company](#)), led teams serving diverse clientele in energy, transportation, engineering, food processing, textiles, consumer products, higher education, and government. Representative client engagements as consultant or project lead:

Sustainability and Climate Strategist – Ching Luh (Vietnam / Taiwan) **2019–present**

Consultant to senior sustainability staff of major supplier to a global footwear manufacturer.

- Providing technical assistance and design of greenhouse gas inventory.
- Assisting in design of science-based targets at the direction of the firm's major customer.

Sustainability Strategy Consultant – Infinity Global (USA / Netherlands / Italy / Vietnam) **2019**

Consultant to CEO of major packaging supplier to a major global luxury brand.

- Provided guidance for sustainability performance disclosures to major customer.
- Assisted with life-cycle assessment guidance for materials selection.

Climate Strategy Advisor – Northwest Natural (Portland, Oregon) **2013–2016**

Independent consultant to major natural gas utility on climate strategy and clean energy.

- Co-led internal efforts to build climate change knowledge among corporate leadership and senior staff.
- Led technical analysis of natural gas' environmental performance in residential and transportation applications.

Senior Advisor, Clean Energy Finance & Development – Enterprise Community Partners (DC) **2013–2015**

Independent consultant to leading national affordable housing finance organization.

- Coordinated the creation and deployment of a financial analysis framework for solar energy investments at new and existing multifamily affordable housing developments.
- Developed a proposed portfolio for tax equity investment fund for major U.S. financial institution.

The projects below are a small sample of the projects I led while at Good Company and my role in them.

Sustainability Consultant – Fresherized Foods (Saginaw, Texas) **2009–2013**

Sustainability consulting for major food processor.

- Conducted renewable energy feasibility analysis for international sites.
- Assisted staff with climate strategy and greenhouse gas inventory for CDP disclosure.
- Developed sustainability materials for external communication (web content, reports for major customers).

Climate Analysis Consultant – Metro (Portland, Oregon) **2007–2011**

Consultant on GHG inventories, CDP disclosure

- Developed for Metro (regional three-county government for the Portland, Oregon metro area) the first-in-the-U.S. consumption-based GHG inventory for a metropolitan region.
- Worked with industry-leading technical staff to conduct trainings and embed the methodology at Metro.

Sustainability and GHG Analysis Consultant – Oregon University System (Portland/Eugene, Oregon) **2006–2008**

Consultant to capital projects director of seven-campus public university system.

- Designed and led first-in-the-nation GHG inventory of an entire university system.
- Worked closely with faculty, staff, and students to develop systems for data collection.

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Oregon – Industry Mentor and Instructor

2004–present

Center for Sustainable Business Practices, Lundquist College of Business

Primary practitioner instructor for a leading green MBA program (ranked in top six nationally by Princeton Review 2015-2020, and #1 twice). My MBA courses:

- Clean Energy Finance: This course examines emerging business models, regulatory frameworks, and technologies in renewable energy and energy efficiency, with a focus on the U.S. business context.
- Life-Cycle Assessment (LCA): This course uses LCA and carbon footprinting to explore corporate sustainability strategy using public-domain and proprietary data.
- Industrial Ecology: This course, required for the sustainability concentration of the MBA program, provides a survey of corporate sustainability and social responsibility frameworks and efforts.

The LCA course won the Aspen Institute's 2019 Ideas Worth Teaching award: www.ideasworthteachingawards.com

I served on the College of Business' Diversity Committee (2017-2020) and I am an elected member of the Faculty Senate.

University of California, San Diego – Adjunct Faculty

2007–2012

Rady School of Management

I created and taught courses in corporate sustainability, corporate climate strategy, and energy strategy. My students were primarily from Rady's MBA program, but also from graduate students in engineering and the physical sciences.

University of Oregon – Professional Development Instructor

2004–2013

Sustainability Leadership Program

I taught a wide range of applied sustainability courses to a primarily Pacific Northwest audience of practitioners seeking a professional certification from the University's Sustainability Leadership Program. Course content that I developed included carbon footprinting, climate policy, sustainability indicators and reporting, and sustainable purchasing and procurement.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Clean Fuel Standard advisory body	Member (2015–2017)
Transportation Research Board (National Academies), NCHRP Project 25-39	Panel Member (2011–2015)
World Resources Institute, Technical Working Group for Scope 2 GHG Accounting	Member (2012–2015)
ICLEI, Technical Advisory Committee for Scope 3 GHG Accounting Methodology	Member (2009–2011)
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Consumption-Based GHG Accounting	Advisor (2009–2010)

Summary of civic engagement:

Lane Transit District (appointed by Governor Kate Brown)	Board member, (2018–present)
Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation (nonprofit)	Board member (2012-2018), board president (2017–2018)
Oregon League of Conservation Voters	Statewide board member (2010–2013)

Additional local civic involvement and volunteer service: City of Eugene Sustainability Commission (2007-2012), and City of Eugene Budget Committee (2014-2018); advisory boards for local land use (2009-2016), municipal electric and water utility (2004–2005), and metropolitan-area wastewater agency (2003–2004).

FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL COMPETENCY

Work/Study Abroad: Research, study, and/or work experience in Brazil, Portugal, Switzerland, Poland and El Salvador.

Languages: Fluent in Portuguese (ILR-4); working proficiency in French and Spanish; rudimentary German.

Cultural Competence: Wide range of experience in diverse cultural settings.

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley
University of Washington
Yale University

MA, Economics (1997), additional doctoral studies in Economics
MA, Geography (1994)
BA, Economics (1992)