

As Climate Change threatens to create an uninhabitable planet for humans, we must build broad based social movements to create a sustainable future for generations to come. Bringing people, planet, and profit in alignment for a sustainable and just future is a passion I have pursued through education, career, and civic leadership.

My studies at Evergreen State College were an interdisciplinary exploration of sustainability from a sociological frame, and linked theory to practical application by volunteering with organizations working in rural resource economies to promote land stewardship and build social movements.

As Executive Director for Slow Food Southwest Washington my work was to create a just food system that increased biodiversity, through a framework of systemic change. We made seedballs to engage eaters in increasing habitat for pollinators, lead policy advocacy campaigns to conserve farmland from being paved over, and increase the economic viability of farmers that are on the frontlines of fighting Climate Change.

My civic leadership has led to two successful policy campaigns, HB1652 Paint Stewardship Bill, shifting costs and management of paint recycling from local government to paint companies, and SB5947 Sustainable Farms and Forests that will fund farmers to fight climate change.

The MPA program will build my knowledge of policy development, connect me with a cohort of change agents, and strengthen my leadership skills to advocate for a sustainable future. I hope to assist in the development of social movements that can lead cultural changes, and mandate policy development for a just and sustainable future.