Jesse Vega-Perkins

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, School for Environment and Sustainability, Ann Arbor, MI

May 2022

M.S. Environment & Sustainability | Specialization in Sustainable Systems

2021 Dow Sustainability Fellow

Northwestern University, McCormick School of Engineering & Applied Science, Evanston, IL

June 2017

B.S. Environmental Engineering | Minor, Environmental Policy & Culture

WORK EXPERIENCE

Ramboll (formerly Ramboll Environ/ENVIRON), Chicago, IL, Consultant 2 and Consultant 3

10/17 - Present

- Conducted and supported environmental Life Cycle Assessments (LCAs) of products including a waste-to-energy system and mineral for cosmetics using SimaPro software and databases such as ecoinvent and AusLCI.
- Supported ongoing greenhouse gas (GHG) accounting of solar and battery energy storage systems
- Conducted Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs), environmental compliance, and Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) reviews of companies and properties ranging from commercial to heavy industry.
- Supported litigation and environmental, health, and safety (EHS) compliance projects through research, data management and analysis in Excel, and report writing.
- Trained new staff on steps of conducting Phase I ESAs and environmental compliance reviews.

City of Evanston Public Works Department, Evanston, IL, Energy and Water Benchmarking Intern

11/16 - 08/17

- Supported implementation of the 2016 Energy and Water Benchmarking building ordinance through creation of a benchmarking guide, informational webpages, and internal databases and guidance documents.
- Analyzed and summarized energy and water use data for public and commercial buildings using EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager and Microsoft Excel.

S&C Electric Company, Chicago, IL, *EHS Intern*

06/16 - 08/16

 Supported EHS programs, including wastewater treatment and monitoring, hazardous and nonhazardous waste management, safety compliance and training, and internal ISO 14001 audits.

PROJECTS & RESEARCH

Master's Thesis, University of Michigan School for Environment and Sustainability

10/20-Present

 Investigating how and why US household carbon footprints vary geographically and across sociodemographic groups using analytical methods including geographic information systems (GIS) and multivariate statistical analysis

Habitat for Humanity Carbon Mapping and Mitigation Program, Dow Sustainability Fellows Program, Fellow 1/21-Present

 Collaborated with 5-person team to research residential green building standards and interviewed members of Habitat for Humanity to develop recommendations for development of the Carbon Mapping and Mitigation program

Lincoln Leaf Vertical Farm, Senior Capstone Design (CIV_ENV 382), Water Treatment Engineer

04/17-06/17

- Created 30% design of water infrastructure and treatment for commercial-scale aquaponics system, including estimating demand, analyzing design options, implementing water reduction strategies, and estimating costs.
- Collaborated with 6+ team members and communicated design in report and oral presentation to professor panel.

Water Quality in Pastaza River Valley, Tungurahua Province, Ecuador, Independent Researcher

11/15

- Tested and studied biological, physical, and chemical characteristics of three local rivers.
- Wrote comparative analysis of river water quality, communicated findings in oral presentation.

Engineers Without Borders (Northwestern University Chapter), President and Project Co-Lead

10/13 - 06/17

- Led meetings, delegated tasks, and communicated with large interdisciplinary team. Wrote grant proposals for funds ranging from \$500-\$25,000.
- Contributed to planning and implementation of a water distribution project in Kimuka, Kenya including alternatives analyses, project planning, system design, hydraulic and demand calculations, AutoCAD drawings.

CERTIFICATIONS & SKILLS

- State of Illinois Professional Engineer Intern, passed Fundamentals of Engineering exam in May 2018
- Computer: Microsoft Excel (including PowerPivot and PowerQuery), Word, and PowerPoint, SimaPro, ArcGIS, ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager, MATLAB, Python, R & RStudio
- Research/Field Methods: Water sampling, environmental and property research methods, chemistry lab techniques, ecology field methods, literature reviews
- Foreign Language: Conversational Spanish
- Writing: Technical reports, proposals