



## Field Guide: GEOGRAPHY ALUMNI BIOS

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### **Katie Michels '14.5**

*Farm and Forest Viability Program Assistant*  
Vermont Housing and Conservation Board



Katie joined the High Meadows Fund after graduating from Middlebury College in February, 2015. While at Middlebury, she studied Geography and Environmental Studies. Originally from Missoula, Montana, she loves wide open spaces and appreciates the effort, relationships, and love that go into their conservation. She has worked for both the Montana Land Reliance and the Vermont Land Trust, and worked for Middlebury's Department of Environmental Affairs to chronicle the story of the conservation of Middlebury's Bread Loaf campus. She has also worked for the Middlebury College Organic Farm and Sunrise Orchards. She lives in Burlington.

### **Tyler Lohman '08.5**

*Co-Founder/VP of Development and Construction*  
Dos Toros LLC



Shortly after graduating from Middlebury in the Winter of 2009, Tyler joined a couple friends from high school and moved back East from California to start up a Mexican restaurant in NYC. Their store, Dos Toros Taqueria, pays homage to the taquerias that they grew up going to in the SF Bay Area, offering foil-wrapped burritos, crispy quesadillas, and only the freshest ingredients. After early success from their small Union Square location, they soon opened two more by the end of their third year in business. They have continued to grow and now have a total of 13 restaurants in Manhattan and Brooklyn, and are opening stores in Chicago shortly. Having worn almost every hat in the company since just having the one location, Tyler currently oversees all store development and design for all current and future restaurants. You can also see him rap in all four of their music videos...



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**David Barker '06**

*Director of Fort Greene Park*

NYC Department of Parks and Recreation



David Barker became the Director of Brooklyn's Fort Greene Park in December 2014 after holding various leadership roles with NYC Parks starting in 2007. Most recently, he was the Northeast Queens Park Manager, where he oversaw maintenance and operations of 900 acres of parkland comprised of wetlands, ball fields, playgrounds, forests, and freshwater lakes. David also served as the agency's first Sustainability Director, where he managed initiatives aimed at bringing all New Yorkers within a 10-minute walk of a park by 2030, including the opening of 240 new playgrounds in public schoolyards in underserved areas.

As Fort Greene Park Director, he is responsible for all aspects of the park's maintenance, long-term planning, and programming in partnership with the non-profit Fort Greene Park Conservancy. David holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography from Middlebury College in Vermont and is a graduate of the NYC Urban Fellows Program and Management Academy.

**Jamie Nicholson '04**

*Senior Vice President*

Normandy Real Estate Partners



Jamie Nicholson is a Senior Vice President at Normandy Real Estate Partners, a vertically integrated real estate investment and development. He is responsible for Normandy's acquisitions and asset management activities throughout the Boston region. Prior to joining Normandy, Jamie was an Associate in the New York office of Hines Interests, a global real estate development firm. He began his real estate career at The JBG Companies (now JBGSmith), where he worked as an Acquisitions Associate and Financial Analyst. His experience includes transaction structuring, documentation, leasing, acquisitions, debt and equity finance, due diligence, and valuation modeling of acquisitions and development projects. Mr. Nicholson received a Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, in Economics and Geography from Middlebury College and an M.B.A. from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth.



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**Phillip Picotte '08***Senior Analyst*

Vermont Energy Investment Corp.



Phillip Picotte is a Senior Analyst in the consulting division of Vermont Energy Investment Corporation, where he conducts economic and quantitative analysis of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and transportation programs. Philip joined VEIC from the Yale Center for Business and the Environment, where he contributed to two Yale-led studies related on the market potential and the market pathways for renewable thermal technologies in Connecticut. Philip served as an EDF Climate Corps Fellow at the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, the public transit agency responsible for 1.3 million passenger trips daily. His work at the MBTA focused on reducing the agency's 80 megawatt peak electric demand through cost-effective deployment of distributed energy resources. Philip previously served as a program associate at the Consortium for Energy Efficiency and as a regional planner in southern Vermont, where he focused on emergency management and energy planning. Philip holds a Bachelor of Arts in geography and environmental studies from Middlebury College and a Master of Environmental Management in energy economics from Yale University.

**Chelsea Minton '08***Water Division Director*

OmniEarth



Chelsea is a Geospatial professional with eight years of experience working in a tech startup environment. She joined the team at OmniEarth in 2014, where she was tasked with testing the Water Conservation market for OmniEarth's fledgling water product. During that time, OmniEarth went from an unknown entity to a company providing Water Efficiency analyses to over 30 water agencies in California. Chelsea moved from leading business development and sales efforts into the role of Director of Water Products, where she now oversees the Water business. Today, Chelsea's team is working across the Southwestern United States and directly with the State of California's Department of Water Resources to assess and deploy remote sensing technology for water efficiency. Most recently, OmniEarth was acquired by Eagle View Technologies, where Chelsea has been working to integrate the Water product into a broader portfolio of government and utility driven geospatial tools.

Prior to narrowing her focus around the Water industry, Chelsea worked with businesses in the municipal, energy, and oil and gas sectors. Her experience includes public speaking, geospatial consulting, new market development, sales strategy, and product evangelism. Chelsea got her start in the geospatial world with a degree in history, minor in geography from Middlebury College.



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