

# < Sorina Stalla Alumna

Where did you earn your undergraduate degree?

I got my BA in environmental studies at Hamilton College in upstate New York.

### What made the Institute a special experience for you?

The diversity of perspectives that my classmates brought to all our classes and interactions made the experience enriching and deep. Our professors challenged us to think about things in new ways and explore ways to channel our passions professionally.

The Institute helped me direct my interests and passions into the start of a career. I can honestly say that my classes gave me tools that I use every single day in my professional life. Having these tools gives me the confidence to take on and dive deep into complicated socioenvironmental challenges.

#### What are you doing now?

I am working at the International Arctic Research Center at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. I am part of a project that is seeking to implement interdisciplinary approaches to solving socioenvironmental problems in Alaska, largely focusing on workforce development, education, and partnerships.

### ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND MANAGEMENT (EPM)

#### Four Semesters In Person

Become a leader in addressing the world's toughest environmental challenges, including climate change. This four-semester master's is specifically designed to give you professional experience before you graduate.

#### THE MIDDLEBURY INSTITUTE ADVANTAGE

The Middlebury Institute's Center for the Blue Economy (CBE) is a research and academic center developing innovative ways to address critical ocean and coastal resource management issues. EPM students are eligible for CBE summer fellowships with top marine organizations as well as paid research assistantships.

Monterey, California, a center for marine and ocean conservation and policy, features the Monterey Bay Aquarium and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Nearby Silicon Valley is at the heart of the green tech revolution, and the organic agriculture movement started on the other side of the bay in Santa Cruz. The San Francisco Bay Area has the highest concentration of environmental NGOs anywhere in the world.

Our graduates find meaningful careers in government, business, and NGOs, including organizations like Oceana, Conservation International, and Microsoft.

#### **CURRICULUM**

Build your expertise in these areas:

- · Conservation science and policy
- Environmental economics
- · Climate policy and governance
- · Sustainability management
- · Data analysis
- · Geographic information systems (GIS)
- · Social and environmental justice
- Intercultural competence and a second language

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAM OPTIONS STEM Designation

The EPM program is designated as a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) degree, which expands career opportunities for international students and scholarship opportunities for U.S. students.

#### Joint BA/MA

Earn a Bachelor of Arts in International Policy and a Master of Arts from the Middlebury Institute in just three years through this transfer program.

#### **Optional Specializations**

- · Sustainability Management
- · Natural Resource Policy and Management
- · Ocean and Coastal Resource Management

#### **Accelerated and Advanced Entry**

Students with relevant coursework and/or work experience may be able to complete the degree in two or three semesters.

#### **Peace Corps Options**

The Peace Corps Fellows Program offers scholarship and internship opportunities for Returned Peace Corps Volunteers. You can also integrate Peace Corps service into your degree.



#### **FACULTY**

In addition to their academic expertise, our faculty are actively engaged policy professionals in areas including water conservation, food systems, ocean ecosystem management, sustainable development, responsible mining, sustainability investing, "blue" economic development, and more. They bring a genuine commitment to your success and become mentors and colleagues.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

We offer a variety of resources to make your program more affordable, including merit, need-based, partner, and external scholarships for both U.S. and international students. Your personal enrollment advisor is available to help you think through financing this important investment in your career development. Visit go.miis.edu/scholarships for details.

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