



Where did you serve? When?

Peru 2006-2008

What was your undergraduate alma mater? Graduate alma mater? Program(s)-of-study? Were you a Coverdell Fellow?

Undergraduate alma mater: Elon University – Business Administration with a concentration in International Management. Minors in Spanish and Economics
Graduate alma mater: University of Arizona – MBA

Coverdell Fellow – I worked with the City of South Tucson in Economic Development Initiatives and United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona as a data analyst for their VITA program.

What was your primary job? Did you have any secondary projects? How did you go about starting those?

I was assigned to an artisanal wine association that also made medicinal rubs from essential oils and jams from native fruits. My largest projects were to create a community owned and operated public library and to teach computer skills as the internet arrived to my site a couple of months before I did. As part of a committee, we planned and executed a sponsored multi-date soccer tournament. I taught school-aged kids English during their school break. Within Peace Corps I represented my volunteer group on the Women in Development & Gender and Development Initiative as one of 3 pilot sites at the time.



Since returning, have you participated in any 3rd goal activities? If so, what type?

As a Coverdell Fellow, I went to schools to talk about my service and participated in the Peace Corps Week activities. As a professional, I served on the Peace Corps Prep advisory committee at Elon University. I stay in contact with my Peruvian host family.

If you had to only name one thing, what was your favorite part about being a Volunteer?

My host family. In Peru, we were required to live with a host family and I had a wonderful family that took me in for two years.

Do you think your current career choice was influenced by your Peace Corps service? How?

It absolutely was, even though I didn't realize it at the time. So much of my service was focused on education and that is the field I work in now. I've been fortunate to work at great institutions and been a part of wonderful programs including the Full-time MBA program I direct now.