

# KATHERINE ROMANS

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## EMPLOYMENT

### **The Hill Country Alliance (HCA), Austin, TX**

*Interim Executive Director*

February 2016—Present

*Landowner Outreach Program Manager*

October 2013-February 2016

- Manage day-to-day activities of successful nonprofit with annual budget of \$450,000 and staff of five.
- Maintain relationships with donors and partner organizations. Ensure engagement of diverse board of directors. Plan and execute events, compose issue papers, news releases and newsletters, and interface with the public and media.
- Engage landowners, elected officials, businesses and organizations throughout the Hill Country to promote responsible land stewardship practices, partner on mission-driven initiatives, and organize outreach activities.
- Manage key grants and develop programmatic strategy. Build consensus across diverse spectrum of constituents.

### **The Trust for Public Land (TPL), New Haven, CT**

Sept. 2012–May 2013

*Berkley Scholar Fellowship Intern*

- Wrote key sections of “Parks for People” feasibility study for urban park revitalization project in Bridgeport, CT.
- Interviewed stakeholders, identified and engaged community leaders, and lead community meetings.

### **Urban Resources Initiative, New Haven, CT**

Sept. 2011–May 2013

*GreenSkills Program Manager*

- Assisted in grant writing and prospective funding research.
- Supervised 6 graduate level staff and 18 high school students in weekly tree plantings.
- Provided logistical support for a successful non-profit responsible for all public tree planting in New Haven.

### **Urban Resources Initiative Greenspace Program, New Haven, CT**

May – Aug. 2012

*Greenspace Community Forester*

- Led weekly meetings of 6 community volunteer groups across New Haven, totaling more than 600 volunteer hours.
- Designed urban landscape renewals, conducted lead contamination remediation in underserved communities.
- Instructed community members in proper tree planting, stewardship and maintenance techniques.

### **U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Natural Resources, Washington D.C.**

Sept. 2007 –Jan.2011

*Committee Clerk/Legislative Aide, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife*

- Drafted legislation and coordinated efforts between Congressional staff, Federal agencies and interest groups.
- Composed speeches, statements and briefing memos for Chairwoman and Members on the Subcommittee.
- Met with Federal agencies to review implementation of laws and regulations.
- Planned, scheduled and executed oversight and legislative hearings.

## ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- Member, Hill Country Land Trust Board of Directors. 2014-Present
- Teaching Fellow, Natural Resource Policy Practicum, Yale. Spring 2013
- Yale Presidential Public Service Fellowship, 2012
- Manager, Revolutionary Soup, Charlottesville, VA. 2006-2007

## EDUCATION

### **Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, New Haven, CT**

May 2013

*Master of Environmental Management (M.E.M)*

- **Concentration:** Urban Forestry and Environmental Planning
- **Selected Coursework:** Land Use Planning, Strategies for Land Conservation, Silviculture, Climate Change Mitigation in Urban Areas, Modeling Geographic Space, Land Use Law, Environmental Communicator

### **University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA**

May 2007

Bachelor of Arts with Distinction in History and U.S. Government

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK, PRESENTATIONS AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Computer Proficiency:** Esri ArcGIS 10, Microsoft Office suite, InDesign. Social media including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest.
- **Language:** Conversational Spanish
- *Hurricane Sandy and the Elm City: Impacts on Urban Trees.* Presentation to Urban Ecology Collaborative. March 2013.
- Managing Editor, *Sage Magazine*