

CURRICULUM VITAE – SASKIA S. VAN HECKE

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EDUCATION

WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY - DEVELOPMENT AND RURAL INNOVATION PROGRAM

Degree obtained: Master of Science in Development and Rural Innovation
Major: Rural Development Sociology
Graduated: August 2013

WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY - INTERNATIONAL LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Degree Obtained: Bachelor of Science in International Land and Water Management
Major: Land Degradation and Development
Minor: Geo-Information Systems
Graduated: October 2010

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

March 2015 – **INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT**
September 2015

Job duties, responsibilities and accomplishments:

- Designed and built a website for a client, provided training for client's staff on website maintenance, and developed a website maintenance how-to manual;
- Developed promotional materials and online registration for a statewide conference;
- Proofread, edited, and formatted client documents such as newsletters and reports;
- Provided administrative assistance to clients.

October 2011 –
February 2015

**NATIONAL CENTER FOR FRONTIER COMMUNITIES AND
SOUTHWEST CENTER FOR HEALTH INNOVATION**
902 Santa Rita St, Silver City, NM 88061

Title: Frontier and Food Systems Project Specialist (03/12 - 02/15)
National Center for Frontier Communities Intern (10/11 - 03/12)

Job duties, responsibilities and accomplishments:

- Facilitated and planned meetings, conference sessions, training, workshops, and various public events for colleagues and clients;
- Coordinated volunteers, presenters and participants for numerous events and projects;
- Led colleagues and clients in establishing goals, creating work plans, and tracking progress to ensure work plan completion;
- Prepared and delivered public presentations and represented employer at conferences, meetings and other public events;
- Developed resource guides, toolkits and instruction manuals for clients and colleagues;
- Co-authored many internal and external documents and promotional materials including project reports, policy briefs, articles, presentations, newsletters, brochures, posters, websites, public service announcements and press releases;
- Conducted numerous literature reviews on diverse topics and compiled results into reports, articles and summaries.

August 2008 –
December 2008

INSTITUT DE RECHERCHE POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT (DESIRE PROGRAM)
Antigua Carretera a Pátzcuaro No. 8701, 58190 Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico

Title: Soil degradation intern

Job duties, responsibilities and accomplishments:

- Independently monitored rainfall, soil moisture, runoff, sediment load, and stream levels on experimental plots in a rural area near Morelia, Mexico;
- Worked as part of a team of Mexican and French researchers to collect sediment samples from a lake and monitor discharge of a river;
- Independently analyzed data collected to create a simple model for estimating runoff and erosion in the area studied based on rainfall data;
- Conducted communications with colleagues and farmers in the field in Spanish, including receiving training and instruction, providing verbal and written updates to supervisor, reviewing and summarizing Spanish language journal articles and reports.