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## EDUCATION

**Brandeis University**, Waltham, Massachusetts

BA degree 2008

- Dean's List 2003-2008
- International and Global Studies major with a concentration in Global Environmental Issues

**School for International Training**, Kunming, Yunnan, China, fall 2005

- Independent Research Project: "Drowning Shangrila: Balancing Environmental Protection with Development in China"

## EXPERIENCE

**"Beijing's Olympic-inspired Greening,"** August 2008

Produced a film in Beijing about the way that environmentalism is developing in China, examining the way that environmental education is stressed in Chinese schools, and exploring the possibilities of the environmental movement in China

- Received grant funding to go to Beijing, interview NGOs working in China, shoot, and begin producing a film about the possibilities of the pattern of environmentalism developing in China
- Regularly updated project web site to document and proactively manage the production process of the film. Link to Beijing's Olympic-inspired Greening: [www.tessavenell/greening-beijing](http://www.tessavenell/greening-beijing)

**New Hampshire Lakes Association**, Wakefield, NH May 2002-August 2007

Responsible for checking all incoming boats for invasive weeds and for educating the boating public about the dangers of aquatic invasive weeds

- *Summer 2006*: Promoted to Lake Host Captain. Additional responsibilities include scheduling, training, and synthesizing collected data

**Acton Elementary School**, Acton, ME June 2004-August 2007

Summer tutor who worked with students individually to develop their basic academic skills

- Worked with special education students in math, reading and writing four days a week

**Brandeis University Escort Safety Service**, Waltham, MA August 2003-May 2008

Dispatched pick-up schedules to town bus drivers

- *2005*: Awarded Coordinator of the Year

## ACTIVITIES

**Copy Assistant, The Justice**, Brandeis University 2004-2007

Edited copy for the leading student weekly newspaper five to seven hours per week

**Layout and Design Assistant, The Louis Lunatic**, Brandeis University 2004-2005

Helped to design and lay out a new on-campus sports magazine

**Tutor, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA** Spring 2006

Worked with a sixth grader on math one hour per week

**President, Royal Gaming Society**, Brandeis University 2003-2008

Organized weekly games of croquet and bocce