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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2019– Present	Adjunct Professor	School of Environmental Sustainability Sustainability Assessments & Planning <i>Loyola University, Chicago, IL</i>
2019 – 2021	Adjunct Professor	College of Business Sustainable Business Program <i>Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, MI</i>

RESEARCH POSITIONS

2025 - Present	Senior Research Associate	Toxic Action Lab Community Sustainability Department <i>Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i>
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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2025-Present	Project Manager	Toxic Action Lab / Michigan State University
2021-2024	Senior Consultant (Energy & Environment)	Public Sector Consultants
2018-Present	CEO & Principal Consultant	Commons Logic, LLC
2018-2021	Chief Sustainability Officer	Michigan State University
2018-2019	Director of Strategic Initiatives	Michigan State University
2012-2018	Director of Campus Sustainability	Michigan State University
2018-2020	Senior Climate Change Advisor	Association for Climate Change Officers
2009-2012	Director of Community Energy Programs	West Michigan Environmental Action Council
2006-2007	Director of Operations	Morningstar Health
2000-2006	Director of Human Resources & Finance	Aspen Surgical Products

EDUCATION

2014	Masters of Management, Graduate School of Business - Aquinas College <i>Specialization:</i> Organizational Development & Leadership <i>Dissertation:</i> Mapping Adaptive Networks for Sustainability at MSU <i>Advisor:</i> Dr. Deb Steketee
2016	Executive Education Certificate, T.H. Chan School of Public Health – Harvard University <i>Specialization:</i> Leadership in Sustainability
2009	Bachelor of Science, College of Sustainable Business - Aquinas College <i>Specialization:</i> Sustainable Business <i>Minor:</i> Environmental Studies

- 2007 Advanced Study Certificate, MBA Program/College of Business - Ferris State University
Specialization: Design & Innovation Management
- 1991 Bachelor of Science, College of Business - Aquinas College
Specialization: Business Administration
Dual Major: Communications
- 1989 Associates, Liberal Arts College - Grand Rapids Community College
Specialization: Liberal Arts

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2025 Michigan State University – Hazel and Karen Kiser Endowed Fellowship
2024 Michigan State University - University Distinguished Fellowship
2016 Michigan State University - Executive Leadership Fellowship – Campus Operations Cohort

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Loyola University Chicago (2019-present)

- Sustainability Assessments I ENVS 452 – Graduate level course
- Sustainability Assessments II ENVS 453 – Graduate level course

Aquinas College (2019-2021)

- Sustainable Business Management SB201 - Undergraduate level course
- Building Social Capital SB315 - Undergraduate level course
- Principles of Management BU200 – Undergraduate level course
- Sustainability Innovations Lab & Special Projects SB400 - Undergraduate level course

PUBLICATIONS / PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Publicly Available Professional Reports

- Erhardt, A. (2021). *Michigan's University Research Corridor Powers Mobility Innovation*. University Research Corridor. <https://www.urcmich.org/sites/default/files/reports/2021-09/urc-mobilitybriefweb-final.pdf>

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GRANTS

- 2023 Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) - \$151,340 “Low Carbon Energy Infrastructure Enhancement and Development Grant - *Community Solar Affordability and Access in Mid-Michigan*” In progress.
- 2022 Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy – \$155,425 “*Regional Organics Market Study for Mid-Michigan*” In progress
- 2022 MSU Comprehensive Economic Recovery Initiative (CERI) - \$10,000 “Michigan Healthy Urban Environments Pilot Program” Final report available at:
[https://ced.msu.edu/upload/\[ada\]MiHUE%20Project%20Final%20Report%20v2%2030SEP22.pdf](https://ced.msu.edu/upload/[ada]MiHUE%20Project%20Final%20Report%20v2%2030SEP22.pdf)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Leadership & Advisory Roles

Equity and Climate Justice Working Group - <i>National Adaptation Forum</i>	2020 - 2025
National Conference Steering Committee - <i>National Adaptation Forum</i>	2020 - 2025
Consultative Panel - <i>MSU Center for Regional Economic Innovation</i>	2020 - Present
Michigan Council on Climate Solutions – <i>State of Michigan EGLE</i>	2021 - 2022
Environmental Advisory Board, <i>U.S. Congresswoman Slotkin</i>	2020 - 2022
Commissioner, <i>City of East Lansing Commission on the Environment</i>	2019 - 2022
Chair of the Board, <i>Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education</i>	2019 - 2021
Adjunct Faculty, <i>MSU Women in Skilled Trades (WIST) Program</i>	2019 - 2021
Special Projects, <i>Advancing Women in Energy (AWE)</i>	2018 - 2021
Professional Level Member, <i>Institute for Supply Chain Management</i>	2018 - 2020
Community Collaboration on Climate Change, <i>City of Grand Rapids</i>	2012 - 2019
Founding Member, <i>Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Network</i>	2013 - 2022
Climate Action Planning Committee Advisor, <i>City of Lansing, Michigan</i>	2018 - 2021
Present Vice Chair of Board and Chair Governance Committee, <i>AASHE</i>	2016 - 2019
Climate Change Communities of Practice Advisor, <i>ACCO</i>	2017 - 2022
Network Chair, <i>BIG10 & Friends Sustainability Network</i>	2016 - 2018
UNESCO Regional Centers for Expertise, <i>Leader for Global Sustainable Development</i>	2011 - 2019
Sustainability Planning Committee Advisor, <i>City of Battle Creek, Michigan</i>	2017 - 2018
Professional Member, National Association of College & University Business Officers	2013 - 2020

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Membership / Accreditations

Sustainability Excellence Professional (ISSP-SEP)	<i>International Society of Sustainability Professionals</i>
Climate Change Professional (CC-P)	<i>Association of Climate Change Officers</i>
Certified Professional in Supply Management	<i>Institute for Supply Management</i>
Great Lakes Climate Service Providers Academy	<i>American Society of Adaptation Professionals</i>
Climate Reality Project	<i>Climate Reality Leadership Corps</i>
Member	<i>Network for Continuous Change and Innovation</i>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Sustainability and Justice Pedagogy Workshops	<i>Santa Clara University</i>
Artificial Intelligence in Learning Environments	<i>Loyola University Chicago</i>
Global Reporting Initiative – Certified Reporter	<i>Arizona State University</i>
Implicit Bias Training	<i>Michigan State University</i>
Agile Project and Project Management Training	<i>Project Management Institute</i>
Sustaining High-Performance	<i>Michigan State University</i>
Baldrige Examiner Training Experience	<i>National Institute for Standards and Technology</i>
Leadership Development Program	<i>Center for Creative Leadership</i>
Leadership Learning: Pathways & Problem-Solving	<i>Michigan State University</i>
Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development	<i>United Nations System Staff College</i>