

JILLIAN J. FOSTER

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON, University of London, London, UK 2009-2010

Recipient of MA in Gender Studies (Merit Award). Dissertation: *Gender Empowerment, Power and the Millennium Village Project: An Exploration of the Gender Empowerment Paradigm Used in the Millennium Village Project*. 2009-10 Ambassadorial Scholar, Rotary International District 5400.

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, San Luis Obispo, California, USA 2002-2007

Recipient of Bachelor of Science in Economics (transferred from Brigham Young University (BYU) in January 2005), concentration: Gender Studies and International Development. Senior Thesis: *The Impact of Micro-finance Initiatives on Women's Economic and Social Equality: Are Equality Objectives Truly Being Met?* BYU Centennial Scholar (academic scholarship), Alumni Association Leadership Scholar (leadership scholarship), 'Dean's List' acknowledgement fall 2006, winter 2007, and spring 2007 terms.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL USA, Washington, DC, USA

International Advocacy & Government Relations Assistant

September 2011 – present

Researching and advocating for three thematic issues: human rights preservation, elimination of gender-based violence, and conflict reduction.

- Monitoring incidents of gender-based violence (GBV) within Native American communities. Lobbying, with the Government Relations Associate Director, for increased federal funding allocated toward Native American GBV treatment and prosecution, involving a partnership between the US Federal Government and tribal leadership.
- Examining implications of US International Affairs Budget FY2012 on the sustainability of programming, including USAID, maternal/child health projects, UN Human Rights Council, and UN Population Fund.
- Synthesizing talking points for Amnesty International's campaign that promotes the creation and enforcement of international arms trade treaties.
- Investigating reports of false imprisonment in Somalia and Kenya.

NARAL PRO-CHOICE AMERICA, Washington, DC, USA

Policy Intern

September 2011 – present

Monitoring legislation, gathering data, and lobbying for strengthened reproductive rights both domestically and internationally.

Representing the organization at policy events with sister organizations, such as ChoiceUSA, Planned Parenthood, national affiliates, and reproductive health international coalitions.

- Arranging twice-weekly policy updates, entitled *From the Record* and *The Dailies* which outline movement in federal reproductive rights policy.
- Publishing, in partnership with the Policy Associate, the annual *Who Decides?* report, which details the status quo and recent changes in US reproductive health care policy. Updating fast facts to be highlighted on individual state pages.
- Meeting with both pro- and mixed-choice legislators to discuss the need for family planning services, permanent lifting of the DC abortion ban, access to safe abortions for military personnel, and insurance coverage for the entirety of reproductive health needs.

APEC 2011 WOMEN & THE ECONOMY SUMMIT, San Francisco, California, USA

Consultant

September 2011

Arranged, as a member of the conference production team, event registration, a speakers' lounge and waiver process, and cocktail hour entertainment for the APEC 2011 Women & the Economy Summit, a conference offering a platform for discussion of women's involvement in and contribution to the global economy. Coordinated will-call tickets for donors, special guests and late arrivals.

Conference administered through the US Department of State, US Office of Global Women's Issues, Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) organization, and Jasculca Terman and Associates Public Relations.

OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE & ASTI, London, United Kingdom

Consultant

May 2011 – August 2011

Analyzed country specific quantitative and qualitative data. Compiled data into the *2011 Monitoring the Paris Declaration* country chapters. Project administered through ASTI (Khujand, Tajikistan), in partnership with the Overseas Development Institute (London, United Kingdom).

SAODAT, Khujand, Tajikistan

Gender & Economic Development Advisor

February 2011 – May 2011

Supervised an impact assessment of women's entrepreneurship programs in Khujand, Spitamen, and Ganchi districts. Represented Saodat during meetings with government and religious officials. Advised the organization's leadership regarding online campaigning, membership-driven fundraising, and advocacy strategies. Solidified collaboration with UNDP's Rural Growth Program, in partnership with German development agency, GIZ.

- Analyzed the organization's project management process, provided a formal consultation report detailing how the organization might better mobilize their resources and craft local campaigns to increase their impact in the Sughd Province (northwestern Tajikistan).

- Facilitated a training program, involving 15 staff members, which focused on sharing best practices of gender equality activists in Tajikistan and the United States.
- Conducted a five-week seminar series to enhance young women's knowledge of their legal rights, reproductive healthcare, goal-setting and problem-solving strategies, and campaigning techniques which offer an avenue for rapid-response self- and collective-advocacy.

WOMEN'S BUDGET GROUP, London, UK

Policy Coordinator

March 2010 – December 2010

Represented the WBG at the House of Lord's *Women's Income Network*, at trade union meetings, and at networking seminars. Liaised with government officials and industry experts to shape policy that would offer more equitable outcomes rather than the continued marginalization of women's needs. Coordinated three events, managed the organization's internship program, and synchronized the schedules of management committees and international speakers. Streamlined administrative support to over 200 members and the WBG Management Committee.

- Secured 15,000 GBP through grant applications and the formation of partnerships with relevant NGOs.
- Synthesized responses from over 200 members and multiple information sources, later organizing comments into policy briefs which offered a gendered economic critique of the 2010 UK Budget and Emergency Budget, Comprehensive Spending Review, and Party Election Manifestos.
- Distributed WBG policy documents to over 1,500 media outlets, senior officials, Members of Parliament, and sister organizations.
- Provided research support for the Fawcett Society v. HM Treasury 2010 hearings which called upon the UK Coalition Government to produce a legally mandated gender impact assessment of the 2010 Budget and supporting measures.

STUDENT MICROFINANCE & DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE, London, UK

Research Fellow, Mimo Project Co-Chair

February 2010 – December 2010

Developed a project, in partnership with Mimo Finance, which examined the client dropout rate. Managed team of three research fellows and one intern. Established a framework through which client dropout rate was categorized as either 'negative' or 'positive'. Gathered data over two weeks in September 2010 in Saharanpur, Delhi, and Dehradun, India. Conducted over 45 interviews with unsatisfied clients and current staff members to later offer suggestions to mitigate institutional problems, increase client retention and improve macroeconomic stability in the region. Secured 500 GBP project funding.

CLM NORTHWEST, Boise, Idaho, USA

Media Buyer

June 2008 – December 2008

Planned, bought and coordinated broadcast and print media for more than eight client accounts. Collaborated with the Media Director for planning and projecting clients' annual advertising budget(s). Refined the distribution of creative materials from the agency to each media outlet, saving over 10 hours/week.

WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE, Boise, Idaho, USA

Residential Specialist

October 2007 – June 2008

Monitored the safety and security of up to 13 residents and their children during their stay in the gender-based violence residential program. Supported victims of abuse with their search for legal advice, suitable shelter, medical services for their children, and educational programs to develop risk management skills when in a crisis situation.

OFFICE OF SENATOR MIKE CRAPO, Boise, Idaho, USA

Intern

September 2007- May 2008

Evaluated constituent opinions for submission to the Washington, D.C. Office and, more specifically, Senator Mike Crapo. Collaborated with Casework Manager to submit over 60 congressional inquiries.

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY, Boise, Idaho, USA

Research Assistant

August 2007 – April 2008

Translated coding articles into a quantifiable format, synthesized final report and presentation with two assistants for Dr. Virginia Husting. Authored a portion of the final paper, which focused on media censorship. Presented our research at the 2008 Pacific Sociological Association Conference in Portland, Oregon.

EVANS, HARDY & YOUNG, Santa Barbara, California, USA

Assistant Media Negotiator

June 2005 – October 2006

Stewarded client accounts for both broadcast and print media. Reconciled media buying and billing paperwork for 7 client accounts.

ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ADVANCEMENT PROGRAMS, Washington, D.C., USA

District VII Representative

March 2004 – March 2005

Elected to represent 30 universities from Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and Utah. Developed regional council, appointing six representatives, to facilitate local conferences and monitor district progress. Published monthly 'Best Practices' newsletters.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Languages: English (native), Spanish, French, Tajik

IT Skills: Microsoft Office applications, Statistical/Econometric programs (SPSS), Quicken/QuickBooks, Website Creation/Publishing software