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I began my environmental career while serving the Peace Corps for 2 years in Guatemala as an Environmental Educator, I earned my doctorate in Michigan Technological University's environmental and energy policy program studying global environmental challenges and identify methods and actors that can facilitate decision-making and problem-solving. Through international fieldwork and workshops, I have honed my own analytical research skills in surveying and interviewing so that I can understand the perceptions of people at all levels of society, from the household level to the organizational and governmental levels. I am very interested in continuing collaboration with a variety of scientists and practitioners who work across the Americas to understand global problems.