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Currently I am pursuing a Master of Arts degree in Latin American Studies at the University of Arizona. The focus of my coursework is agricultural and economic development in the Southern Cone, particularly Paraguay and its border regions. Upon the completion of my MA degree I plan to pursue a PhD in Geography. My long-term research interests are those of land-use change related to the large scale production of commodity soy along the Brazil-Paraguay border. Within this context I am interested in the relationship of deforestation to climate change, the availability of surface water for human consumption, human populations and settlement patterns, and food security. My dissertation research and work will be based on addressing the aforementioned topics. My professional work experience within the field of development is varied and has taken me from East Africa, to Paraguay, and most recently to Northern Mexico. From 2006 to 2008 I served as an agriculture volunteer with the Peace Corps in Paraguay.