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Career Brief

Shannon Murtagh is a Research Analyst at the University of Washington Bothell's Center on Reinventing Public Education (CRPE). She leads the Center's Portfolio in Practice program, a fledgling initiative aiming to accelerate sustainable implementation of the portfolio strategy in partner districts by providing support and mentorship that combines practitioner experience and the Center's research. As a member of the Center's Portfolio School Districts Project team she has researched how central office structures support portfolio implementation and helped develop the Center's Portfolio Implementation Snapshot. Before joining CRPE, she was a Regional Organizer for the Obama campaign, organizing volunteers in the 46th LD in Seattle. She also interned with Stand for Children WA as a Seattle Policy Research Intern. She taught outdoor education at Islandwood for a year, working with 4th and 5th grade students from across Seattle and the greater Puget Sound region. Shannon has a B.S. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Yale University and an MPA from the University of Washington.

Professional Experience

June 2011 – Present	Research Analyst, Center on Reinventing Public Education, University of Washington Bothell, Seattle WA
2009 – 2011	Leadership Board Member, Evans School Education and Social Policy Student Interest Group, Seattle, WA
Summer 2010 2008	Seattle Policy Research Intern, Stand for Children, Seattle, WA Campaign Regional Organizer, Obama for America, Seattle, WA
2006 – 2007	Instructor, Outdoor Education, IslandWood, Bainbridge Island, WA

Education

2011	Master of Public Administration, Daniel J. Evans School, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Degree Project: "Building Teachers United WA: Strategic Organizational Recommendations Based on National, State, and Local Politics."
2007	Certificate in Education, Environment and Community, Islandwood, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
2006	Bachelor of Science: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Yale University, New Haven, CT. Senior Thesis: "Age and Growth of Tessellated Darters"

Select Publications

Hill, P., Murtagh, S. (2015) *The Portfolio Strategy CEO: The Job and How to Prepare for It*. Center on Reinventing Public Education, Seattle, WA

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