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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, School for the Environment and Sustainability

Ann Arbor, MI

Doctorate Degree in Environment and Sustainability

Aug 2025 -

- Political economy of the energy transition, with a focus on critical minerals and Governance frameworks for sustainable resource extraction.
- The role of social movements in shaping climate policy and environmental justice.
- Advisor: Prof. Geoffrey Henderson.

Expected 2030

DUKE UNIVERSITY, The Sanford School of Public Policy

Durham, NC

Master of Public Policy

Aug 2025

- Fulbright Foreign Student Scholarship, Stanback Fellowship '24
- Policy areas: Energy and Environment, International Development
- Leadership: MPP Student Council Liaison, President of the Sanford Latin American and Caribbean Students Association, member of the Sanford Energy and Environment Club

NUR UNIVERSITY, Department of Law and International Relations

Santa Cruz, Bolivia

Bachelor's degree in International Relations (with High Honors)

Nov 2019

Minors: Conflict Resolution and International Commerce.

Leadership: Student Representative (2016 – 2018)

EDITING & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant (PubPol 803: Policy Analysis I) – Duke University | 2024

- Edited and provided feedback on graduate student writing (policy memos, case studies, scenario planning).
- Led discussions on analytical frameworks; supported professional-quality writing and presentation skills.

Stanback Fellow – Earthjustice | 2024

- Produced and edited policy primers on MRV best practices (Colombia) and critical minerals governance (Lithium Triangle & Africa).
- Drafted memos supporting litigation strategies for international partners.

Lecturer & Researcher – Nur University | 2021–2023

- Led grant-funded research team; published peer-reviewed article on social movements and climate change.
- Edited and coordinated co-authored manuscripts for academic publication.

PUBLICATIONS (Selected)

- Alvarez Mejia, G. et al. (2024). *Civil Society: Scope and Challenges of the Global Agenda of Social Movements on Climate Change. Paradigmas en Desarrollo Journal.*
- Huggins, K., & Alvarez Mejia, G. (2023). *Differential Geopolitics: Resources of Latin America in the Global Ecological Transition. Revista CEERI Global.*

SKILLS

- Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (fluent).
- Editing & Writing: Academic manuscripts, policy memos, and student writing.
- Research Methods: Qualitative interviews, quantitative analysis, policy evaluation.