



John Tanis

Education

Cornell University, Cornell Institute for Public Affairs, Ithaca, NY

May 2021

- Master of Public Administration, Concentration in Environmental Policy
- Certificates: (1) Sustainable Global Enterprise from S.C. Johnson Business School, (2) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion from ECornell Program
- Selected Coursework: Program Monitoring and Evaluation, Nonprofit Evaluation, Corporate Social Responsibility, Social Enterprise, Systems Thinking, Modeling, and Leadership, Labor in Global Supply Chains, STATA

College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA

May 2017

- Bachelor of Arts in Economics and International Political Economy

Relevant Experience

Analyst, Natural Resource and Environment Team, Government Accountability Office

August 2021-

Present

- Conducted site visits to two nuclear power plants, interviewing Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials, plant operators, and industry experts to assess climate risks, analyze vulnerabilities, and recommend strategies for resilience ([GAO-24-106937](#)).
- Collected geospatial climate projection data and led the analysis to evaluate the exposure of federal infrastructure to natural hazards including flooding, sea level rise, and wildfire, supporting data-driven recommendations ([GAO-24-106937](#)).
- Led interviews with rural water and wastewater utility operators, elected representatives, NGOs, tribal leaders, and community members in rural communities across AL, NM, and WV to evaluate barriers to accessing water and wastewater infrastructure funding and identify practical solutions (*GAO Rural Water Infrastructure Engagement*).
- Assessed disaster shelter and housing programs by coordinating program data collection and interviewing federal officials, local stakeholders, and industry experts to recommend improvements for addressing climate-driven challenges ([GAO-23-105379](#)).

Food Rescue Research Consultant, Toba Capital, Newport Beach, CA

May 2020 - December 2020

- Created a research design that used geospatial mapping and multivariate regression analysis to identify state and federal legislation to increase food donations
- Cultivated new partnerships between the EPA, Feeding America, Sustainable America, Wyoming Food Hunger Taskforce, and Food Rescue Alliance to (a) identify a sample population, and (b) distribute the organizations with the potential to impact the food donation system

Field Researcher, Cornell Atkinson Center for Sustainability, Ithaca NY

May 2020 - October 2020

- Produced a case study for [this published report](#) that highlights equity implications for floodplain management and flood buyout programs as climate change exacerbates flooding impacts.
- Fostered partnerships between Nature Conservancy leadership and Texas government officials to collect and analyze qualitative and geospatial flood data.

Program Coordinator, Teton Literacy Center, Jackson, WY

October 2018-October 2019

- Using Spanish proficiency, I collaborated with the Teton County school district and non-profit partners to create language enrichment, life skills, and social growth programs for Mexican migrant community members.

Youth Development Coordinator, Peace Corps Costa Rica (CR)

June 2017 - September 2018

- Completed a community needs assessment with 400+ participants to guide a two-year work plan
- Collaborate with educational systems, health providers, economic development organizations, and NGOs to create programs for rural communities on topics including economic development for women-owned economies, reproductive health, gender equity, and sexual education.

Proficiencies

Advanced Spanish, Microsoft Suite Products, Program Evaluation and Monitoring, Agile Project Management,