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# SOFIA PLAGAKIS

## EDUCATION

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Dec 2003 Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University Syracuse,  
NY

**MA, Political Science (Emphasis: Public Administration and International Relations)**

May 2000 Northern Illinois University DeKalb,  
IL

**MA, History (Emphasis: U.S. Foreign Relations and U.S. Environmental)**

Aug 1998 Northern Illinois University DeKalb,  
IL

**BA, Russian Studies, Political Science (Emphasis: International Relations)  
and Spanish Language and Literature**

## LANGUAGES

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- **Greek**, fluent in both speaking and reading;
- **Russian**, proficient in both speaking and reading;
- **Spanish**, proficient in both speaking and reading;
- **French**, slight speaking and reading.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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Center for International Environmental Law Washington,  
DC

June 2005-present

**Program Associate, Trade & Sustainable Development Program**

▪ Accomplishments and duties include: conducting research on issues relating to trade and sustainable development, including free trade agreements, intellectual property rights, and water privatization; participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Mexico City; as a liaison member of the

of USTR's Trade and Environment Policy Advisory Committee (TEPAC), participating in TEPAC meetings on free trade agreements, including CAFTA; working cooperatively with others in the environmental community to achieve CIEL's program goals; and participating in the preparation

relevant strategic plans and annual work plans

World Bank  
July 2004-Oct 2004

Washington, DC

**Associate Editor**

- Assisted with the production of the World Bank's annual environmental publication, entitled *Environment Matters*. Duties included researching images that represent the Bank's environmental work and seeking out new sources for those images; providing desktop publishing assistance utilizing Pagemaker software; assisting in distilling postscript files using Adobe Acrobat to create PDF files; proofreading typeset versions of the articles; providing assistance with distribution of the magazine; and updating the subscriber database.

Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars  
DC

Washington,

Nov 2003-Aug 2004

**Research Assistant**

- Conducted research on access to environmental information laws in the former Soviet republics. Duties included contacting environmental NGOs and state agencies; tracking and analyzing legislation within the former Soviet republics; and attending Congressional hearings.

Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars  
DC

Washington,

Feb 2004-June 2004

**Research Assistant**

- Conducted research on the Balkan Wars of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Duties included creating data tables in Excel, and searching foreign language sources for bibliographic information and articles.

Center for Environmental Policy and Administration  
Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University  
Aug 2001- Aug 2003

Syracuse, NY

**Research Assistant**

- Conducted research on projects involving science and the environment, including the International Space Station, Global Climate Change, and the Law of the Sea.
- Prepared a study, in conjunction with the Great Lakes Research Consortium, entitled *Climate Change Warnings and Response: The Case of the Great Lakes Region*.

Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University  
Aug 2001- May 2003

Syracuse, NY

**Teaching Assistant, Political Science Department**

- Duties included lecturing, grading examinations, and holding office hours for course of approximately 60 students

Founders Memorial Library, Northern Illinois University

DeKalb, IL

Aug 1998 - July 2000

**Graduate Assistant in the Social Science and Humanities Department**

- Assisted with collection development and research reference services for a library collection emphasizing political science, history, economics foreign languages, education and business. Utilized databases, including Lexis-Nexis, FirstSearch, and OCLC. Helped revise the *Checklist of Sources for Historical Research*. Processed invoices, assisted with budget expenditures, and maintained purchase list forms.

Founders Memorial Library, Northern Illinois University

DeKalb, IL

Aug 1993-Aug 1998

**Information Desk Employee**

- Monitored the performance of eight student workers, delivered instructional services, conducted computer searching, provided directional assistance and phone information, and guided library tours. Assisted in the Interlibrary Loan and Acquisitions Departments.

State Representative David A. Wirsing's Office

DeKalb, IL

Aug 1997-May 1998

**Legislative Assistant, Intern**

- Organized and directed meetings with local citizen groups; coordinated workshops and business breakfasts with 80 plus participants; wrote press releases; drafted letters and invitations; assisted with fundraising activities.

**AWARDS RECEIVED AND CONFERENCES PRESENTED**

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- Robert H. Baraz's Memorial Intern Award, Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, August 2004
- Great Lakes Research Consortium Grant, College of Environmental Science & Forestry, SUNY, May 2003
- Summer Research Grant, Graduate School, Syracuse University, May 2003
- Presented "Collective Action in the Black Sea Region: A Pre and Post-September 11 Look," 11<sup>th</sup> International Summer Conference, Institute of International Relations, Athens, Greece, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2002
- "EC v. The Hellenic Republic: Enforcing Environmental Legislation in the EU," *Crisis Management Database*, Global Affairs Institute, Syracuse University, May 2002.

**COMPUTER SKILLS**

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- WordPerfect, Microsoft Word/Windows, Power Point, Excel, Access, Adobe Photoshop, Pagemaker, Outlook, Front Page, and STATA