

AGATHA VAALER

RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE

2008 - present **THE GREEN INSTITUTE** **MINNEAPOLIS**

Associate

COMMUNITY ENERGY AND REUSE PROGRAMS

- Facilitated launch of new websites and brand. Wrote Phillips Eco-Enterprise Retrospective, a case study exploring sustainable development and environmental justice in a former brownfields site in South Minneapolis. Co-wrote case study on cold climate solar hot water systems for presentation at the 2009 annual ASES conference. Developed successful workshops or forums on renewable energy, energy efficiency, electric auto and salvaged building materials, etc. Secured 2008 Energy Star designation for headquarters facility of employer.
- Other duties include energy data analysis, community organizing, web project management, communications, research, writing and program development

2006-present **CDC ASSOCIATES** **MINNEAPOLIS**

Associate/Consultant

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE

- Projects included an economic development strategy for green manufacturing initiative led by the Mayors of the Minneapolis and Saint Paul, for corridor revitalization plan for the City of Minneapolis, for business incubator for Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Asheville, N.C and for business plans for montessori schools in the Twin Cities.

2006-2008 **KFAI** **MINNEAPOLIS**

Assignment Editor/Reporter and Writing, Volunteer

- KFAI Radio News Reporter, Writer and Assignment Editor for education and economic development stories in Twin Cities community

2006-2007 **MINNESOTA GREEN STAR** **MINNEAPOLIS**

Independent Contractor

- Sole staff person serving steering and development teams, comprised of building experts, environmental advocates, funders and other stakeholders, in the development of regionally-appropriate green remodeling standard and award system for emerging non-profit

2006-2007 **HGA ARCHITECTURE** **MINNEAPOLIS**

Design Assistant

CORPORATE AND ARTS DEPARTMENT

- Skills and familiarity with professional design tools and software: computer modeling software (AutoCAD), architectural model building (traditional craft) and graphic design software (Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, etc.) Contributed to winning bid for Fort Snelling Museum and corporate expansion and remodels

EDUCATION

2004-2006 **ARCHITECTURAL ASSOCIATION
MA HOUSING AND URBANISM
LONDON, UK
UNITED NATIONS TASK FORCE, ISTANBUL**

2002-2003 **THESIS: URBAN ARCHITECTURE IN PARIS, DURING ERA OF MITTERAND**

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE SCHOOL
ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING AND PRESERVATION
NEW YORK CITY, NY/ PARIS, FR**

2000-2004 **THESIS: PHOTO LAB, TIMES' SQUARE AND BRIDGE, MENILMONTANT**

Hobbies and Background:

- Dual EU and US citizenship
- Fluent in English and French
- Conversant in Spanish
- Running
- Yoga
- Chess
- Cooking
- Flute

Other Work Experiences:

- Information Assistant, Victor Hugo Museum, Paris, 2000
- Language Tutor, Middlebury College, VT 2000-2004

Volunteering (Current):

- Member of Board of Directors of the Green Institute, Minneapolis (2006-2008)
- President of Twin Cities Middlebury Alumni Chapter (2009-present)