

# Carl Samuelson

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## Objective

To build social, political and environmental change working for a creative, influential and mission-driven organization.

## Education

B.A. Political Science: St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota May 2008  
Graduated Summa Cum Laude with Distinction in Political Science, admitted to Phi Beta Kappa.

## Experience

### **Green Corps, Field Organizer**

August 2008 – August 2009

Selected out of 1700 applicants for a position in Green Corps' Field School for Environmental Organizing. Skills developed included: organizational building, media outreach, recruitment, leadership development, strategic campaign planning, coalition building, fundraising, and public speaking. Ran three field campaigns throughout the year and excelled as top career recruiter for Green Corps (generating 33 campus applications from 2 campuses and leading select team to recruit at Power Shift '09).

### **Fund for Public Interest Research, Minnesota**

May 2009-August 2009

Assistant director of a street canvass office for Environment Minnesota and Progressive Future working to raise \$130,000. Responsibilities include managing staff of 6-15 canvassers, canvassing, and coordinating campaign work.

### **Food and Water Watch, New York**

January 2009-April 2009

Organized grassroots support to get artificial growth hormones out of public school's milk. Assembled core group of volunteers and worked to develop leaders. Collected 1,000 postcards, generated 46 calls to target's office, produced 2 media hits (one in the New York Times), and trained activists for future Food and Water Watch campaigns.

### **Environment North Carolina, North Carolina**

September 2008-December 2008

Organized around federal clean energy legislation. Generated 19 media hits, set-up 4 editorial board meetings, built a 30-group coalition letter, managed 2 interns, organized a rally and a press conference, met with 2 US Congressmen.

### **Lutheran Coalition for Public Policy**

#### **LENS Organizer**

May 2008 – June 2008

Organized five Creation Care training workshops across Minnesota to launch the Lutheran Earthkeeping Network of the Synods (LENS). Coordinated all aspects of events including: speakers, materials, transportation, registration, expenses, and dinner. Recruited over 200 people to attend the events. Supervised one intern and 5-10 volunteers.

#### **Creation Care Policy Intern**

January 2008

Worked with Lutheran Coalition Staff and coalition partners to develop the environmental priorities of the Lutheran Coalition's published legislative agenda. Tracked key environmental legislation through the House and Senate.

### **St. Olaf College, Ole Callers**

February 2008 – May 2008

Called alumni, parents and friends of St. Olaf College to raise money for the college's annual fund.

### **Congregations Caring for Creation, Intern**

June 2007 – August 2007

Coordinated ten volunteers to plan, build and staff a state fair booth educating fairgoers about energy efficient lighting. Assisted in recruitment and planning of two leadership trainings. Participated in the organization's strategic planning sessions.

### **Phi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honor Society), Secretary**

May 2007 – May 2008

Organized two on-campus lectures focusing on resistance to genocide. Secured speakers and location, promoted events on campus. Co-wrote grant, recorded minutes, judged academic essay competition and selected applicants for membership.

### **Board of Regents Student Committee, Class Representative**

September 2004 – May 2008

Served as a student liaison to the St. Olaf College Board of Regents. Represented student concerns in housing, food service, class size, and campus land use among other issues. Emerged as a leader on the committee.

## Technical Skills

Fluent with Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook, Thunderbird, Firefox  
Experience with Democracy in Action and Convio member management systems.

## Language

Con conversationally fluent in Spanish