



Zach Livingston: IAFS Alum Inspired by Global Climate and Energy



Zach Livingston, IAFS '10

As a professional working in the energy industry, Zach Livingston ('10) is interested in all things related to solar power technology and the future of global energy. The constant search for innovative and cleaner energy sources is the driving force for him and his colleagues at [Locus Energy](#), a monitoring and data analytics platform provider for the solar energy market. Currently, Livingston is the Director of Account Management for Commercial and Utility Sales, and

new member of the IAFS Advisory Board. Getting to this place required a journey through academic discovery, career changes, and various internships.

How did you get involved with your first internship?

I was a junior when I took an International Affairs class with Dr. Mickey Glantz on Climate and International Society. The topic was very interesting to me. I was particularly drawn to Dr. Glantz's work with the [Consortium for Capacity Building](#) (CCB). So, I went up to Dr. Glantz after class one day and asked about internship opportunities, preferably with CCB. For about a month, I would ask him at least once a week if he knew of any opportunities yet. I was quite persistent and eager. Finally, an opportunity came for a summer internship with CCB, and I applied and got the position. I did a great deal of research for CCB and learned a lot about climate change, international and domestic environmental relationships, and renewable energy. Specifically, I put together a report on how the United States and China could work together in partnership to mitigate effects of climate change. It was an internship that taught me much information that I would use later in my career.

[Read more about Zach Livingston and his career path in the energy industry](#)

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Community Notes

[Former Libyan Prime Minister Mahmoud Jibril](#) recently offered the students of *IAFS 1000: Global Issues and International Affairs* a front-row perspective on lessons from the Arab Spring.

This fall, CU Boulder's [Alumni Career Services](#) is offering various webinars and workshops for individuals seeking a promotion or career change.

Congratulations to Benjamin Louie ('16) for receiving a [2016-17 Fulbright award to Russia](#), and Ellysse Dick ('16) for her selection as an alternate to the United Kingdom.

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Two IAFS Students Find Success as Interns on Capitol Hill, D.C.

This past summer, Melpomene Vasiliou ('17) and Macarena Villagomez-Tapia ('17) both experienced life in Washington D.C., interning in the [Office of Senator Michael Bennet](#). The two IAFS majors were immersed in a robust and fast-paced work environment, and each found her own personal and professional connection to community in D.C.

Vasiliou accepted a 10-week [CU in D.C. Program](#) placement as a press intern, working alongside a legislative aide for energy and environmental issues in Senator Bennet's office. Within the first few weeks, Vasiliou adjusted to the high-energy office climate, rushing to various briefings and giving enthusiastic tours of Capitol Hill. It was a change from her usual routine back in Boulder, but she was finding her place in a busy setting.



Left to Right: Senator Bennet and Macarena Villagomez-Tapia; Melpomene Vasiliou with a CU alum and fellow staffer of Senator Bennet's office

Meanwhile, Villagomez-Tapia also accepted a five-week internship in Senator Bennet's office, per the advice of her colleagues at her spring 2016 internship at the State Capitol in Denver, CO. Interested in foreign policy and politics, she felt it was important to gain first-hand experience in the D.C. political scene. To gain a full internship experience, Villagomez-Tapia knew the importance of combining her learning experience with a living experience in D.C.'s complex and historical culture.

[Read more about these two students and their internship experiences](#)

The Game of Hurling and Other Adventures in Ireland: Summer Global Grantee in Dublin

In summer 2016, Kaitlin Masar ('18) studied abroad with the University College Dublin Internship Program in Ireland after receiving a [Global Grant](#) from IAFS. She shared the following updates:

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My first week in Dublin consisted of six hours of class each day, and I started my Human Resources internship with the Irish branch of PricewaterhouseCoopers. In this role, I have been doing research and data tasks and hope to work with the recruitment department as well. Also, I have been attending hurling practice every Tuesday and Thursday. Hurling is an outdoor stick and ball game of ancient Gaelic and Irish origin, played by teams of 15 who score by driving the ball through goal areas. Although I'm still trying to get the hang of it, I'm enjoying the sport a lot so far. Recently, I visited Causey Farm, where I baked traditional Irish soda bread, learned Irish dancing, played hurling, and bog jumped! In case you're curious, bog jumping is literally jumping into a



Kaitlin Masar during hurling practice in Dublin

giant mud pit. In my first month, I've explored quite a few historical sites in my first month: St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin Castle, Trinity College, Merrion Square, Trim Castle, and several museums.

[Read more about Masar's living and learning experience in Dublin](#)

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