

Meet the Department of Environmental Quality 2009 Interns

	<p>Brendon Baatz - Indiana University Bloomington, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Master of Public Affairs.</p> <p>“My experience interning at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has been very interesting. The assigned projects were both stimulating and challenging.”</p>
	<p>Maryam Borton - University of Michigan, School of Public Health: Environmental Health Sciences.</p> <p>“Interning here at the DEQ has given me the opportunity to work with several different divisions on many different types of projects, ranging in topics from water quality/beach monitoring to environmental education. I think this internship has really given me the opportunity to apply what I know to several different fields, but has also given me opportunities to work in areas I have no experience with. All the employees here are friendly, encouraging, and most importantly, share a common vision of a better Michigan.”</p>
	<p>Staci DeRegnaucourt - Michigan State University College of Law</p>



Jessica Gasiorek - Michigan State University,
International Relations, James Madison College

“With the intention to pursue a career in environmental law, the opportunity to intern with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has introduced me to an involved level of public policy catering to environmental concerns. It has proved to be an incredible and rewarding learning opportunity, allowing me to witness and participate in multiple projects promoting environmental quality in several divisions within the Department of State. This internship is accompanied with new friendships and valuable professional relationships that will enable me to pursue a promising career within the field.”



Nicole Kupisz - Central Michigan University,
Environmental Science and Conservation of
Natural Resources.

“Working as an intern at MDEQ was a wonderful experience for me. I was able to meet important and influential people in my field, developing useful connections for later in my life, and it helped me to understand how governmental policy really works. I was able to work on a variety of projects, ranging from environmental education, climate change, and even environmental justice, giving me a well – rounded experience during my internship.”



Grace Lo - City University of Hong Kong, Policy
Studies and Administration

“As a foreign exchange student in the DEQ, I was given many opportunities to grow and explore my interests. A real and practical workplace enriched my experience in working closely with environmental groups, non-government organizations and academia, seeking their advice on ways and means to improve our environment. My colleagues and I spared no efforts in reaching out to the community to hear what they want in shaping Michigan’s environmental policy. On the whole, I believe such a unique and rewarding experience can add values to my future career path.”



Kristina Macionski- Michigan State University
College of Law

“I came to the DEQ to pursue my passion of environmental law and policy. What I found when I got here was an agency filled with equally passionate and motivated people, who all possess a strong desire to serve the public good. I have worked on environmental policy projects, worked with administrative judges, and worked in cooperation with the Attorney General’s Office. It has been a wonderful learning experience that will surely benefit me throughout my entire life.”



Daniel Norris- Michigan State University,
Environmental Economics

“Working with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has been a very rewarding experience. The staff and other interns have made coming in to work exciting and fun on a daily basis. The work experience has also been invaluable.”



Trevor Ryan- Michigan State University, Political
Theory and Environmental Policy

“Interning at the DEQ has been a great opportunity to get a look and feel for how state government actually works. I’ve worked with some very dedicated people, and it has been an enriching experience. I worked with brownfield site grants and loans, and developed an appreciation for how state government can actually improve local communities environmentally and economically.”



Molly Schnur- Michigan State University,
Environmental Biology/Zoology

“Interning at the DEQ has given me the opportunity to get involved with projects that promote environmental quality and education, and being able to see the ‘behind the scenes’ of how they are run has taught me a lot about project management. I’ve gained experience that I know will benefit me in the future, and have been able to work with an amazing group of people.”



Robert Stone- Michigan State University College of Law

“Exposure to the various areas of law the DEQ experience brings up has been great. The people are very helpful, and it really feels as though your work makes a difference.”



Brittany Struble- Michigan State University College of Law

“Working as a legal extern with the MDEQ has been a fantastic learning experience that has allowed me to reinforce the foundations of my first year courses. We work daily with staff on various legal issues-I even had the chance to help write an order with an Administrative Law Judge! My favorite thing about working here is learning from the staff about their departments and what they have accomplished thus far. Everyone is passionate about what they do and truly believe in protecting Michigan’s valuable resources. This opportunity has taught me so much already and I am looking forward to using what I have learned in the future.”



David Thompson- Michigan State University College of Law

“Working at DEQ offers opportunities to work on diverse projects with talented cohorts. The work is substantive and interesting.”