

Alumni Profile



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I am pursuing a **Ph.D. in Environmental Studies** at the University of California, Santa Cruz. My research focuses on agroecology with an emphasis on smallholder coffee production in Chiapas, Mexico. I am interested in topics of climate change, adaptive management, and biological pest control.

My EVST degree at Seattle U prepared me for the type of interdisciplinary research I am conducting by helping me craft a strong foundation in both social and natural science methodologies.

At Seattle U, **I found my passion** for agroecology through undergraduate research opportunities; I studied coffee agroecosystems in Nicaragua and Vietnam, and beneficial insects in Seattle urban gardens. I am endlessly thankful for the support of my professors who helped me discover this exciting field of study and encouraged me along the way to my Ph.D. program.