



Meet Stuart King, where Peace Corps meets higher education

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Tell me about yourself:

I'm kind of from everywhere. I was born in California, grew up in Georgia and went to school in Tennessee. After college I worked in Seattle for [World Vision](#), a Christian non-profit. I did development and experiential marketing initially but then my skill with numbers became evident so they switched me into budgeting.

What brought you to the Josef Korbel School?

I was introduced to Korbel through the [Peace Corps' list of school affiliates](#). I narrowed it down to programs I liked and regions I wanted to live in. I had never been to Denver but heard great things. I found the other schools and programs to have different foci but the economic focus of Korbel made [the University of Denver] DU attractive to me. When I saw a course listing for the [Global Finance, Trade and Economic Integration \(GFTEI\)](#) program and read through it, I knew what Korbel offered was directly related to what I wanted. There's a good balance. It's heavy on theory but there's a decent amount of practice as well. The faculty too - I was very impressed with their credentials. And the class sizes are small. Korbel has a high ranking for international studies – that was a big draw. I hoped Korbel was the one and it worked out well.

Denver is great. I would definitely come back if an opportunity presented itself. The weather is amazing and the mountains are beautiful. The campus is beautiful. I'm also a big [hockey](#) fan. I didn't understand or recognize the extent of how much it's appreciated here.

Tell me about the Peace Corps Master's International Program.

The Peace Corps was my main objective. I really wanted to do the Peace Corps and then after that I looked at my schooling options. I'm very excited because my education and training will be directly applicable to the Peace Corps. For the [MI Program](#), we take 72 credits instead of the usual 90, so if you do 18 credit quarters you can finish in just four quarters. There's a really big [Peace Corps community](#) here so it's been nice to ask them what it's like. I was assigned to Ukraine in the community development track and will be going in March.

Do you take part in any extracurricular activities?

I'm a refugee resettlement volunteer for [Lutheran Family Services](#), where I mentor an Iraqi family. In Seattle I did refugee resettlement and we had to dress up like refugees and walk around Seattle. It was really

interesting to see how people react to you. I also work for [Lambi Fund of Haiti](#) as a grassroots outreach coordinator.

Where do you see yourself after obtaining your degree?

I hope my marketability has gone way up and even more so once I do the Peace Corps. I'll have both the classroom experience and the international experience. I get the feeling that the [alumni network](#) here is pretty strong. It's hard to say where I hope to end up but one of my goals is to work in all three sectors – the private, public and non-profit. Obviously somewhere in the statistics, financial or economic realm. I hope to get a position where I feel like I'm effecting the most change.

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