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Josef Korbel School program: [Global Finance Trade and Economic Integration](#) (GFTEI), Paul D. Coverdell Peace Corps Fellows program, 2012

Undergraduate Institution/Major: University of Colorado – Boulder; International Affairs

Tell us about yourself:

I grew up in Denver and have loved it, but after graduating from CU-Boulder, I knew I wanted to get some experience in economic development abroad so I joined the Peace Corps and worked as a municipal development volunteer in eastern Niger (2008-2010). Outside of school, I really enjoy all that Denver and the mountains have to offer and it was great to come back to that after my stint in West Africa.

What brought you to the Josef Korbel School?

After finishing my (Peace Corps) service, I came back to Denver to figure out how to integrate my experiences in development with my interest in economics. I chose Korbel because of the strong GFTEI program and also because of the [Peace Corps Fellows program](#). The Fellows program has a practicum component which I completed at [El Centro Humanitario](#), working with the women's program.

Internship site: U.S. International Trade Commission ([USITC](#)) in Washington, D.C.

Intern title: Intern, Office of Economics

How did you obtain your internship?

I got in contact with a Korbel GFTEI alum who knew an attorney working at the USITC and he subsequently put me in touch with someone in the Office of Economics who passed my resume along to my current supervisor.

Main responsibilities:

At the USITC in the Office of Economics, I assist senior economists with their research and data analysis. I have worked on antidumping cases, synthesizing questionnaire responses, communicating with the industry respondents and proof-reading the subsequent reports. I follow China-Africa trade trends and research tax

rates around the world for simultaneous research projects, conduct literature reviews, and write summary reports. I also assist in data merging, analysis and database maintenance using STATA, a statistical software.

What's the most important lesson you learned during your internship?

I've learned a lot by using STATA for the USITC purposes, and also gained some helpful insights in how to write effectively and concisely.

How did the Josef Korbel School prepare you for your internship?

My experiences with STATA and SAS, another stats program, gave me good starting points for the work I've been doing at the USITC.

What are your career goals?

Broadly speaking, I'd like to find a niche in working at the intersection of trade and development, especially focusing on U.S. trade policy with West Africa.

Favorite memories at the Josef Korbel School?

I met some great people at Korbel –students and professors alike. I'd highly recommend [Dr. George DeMartino](#) for anyone. He is challenging and interesting and on point. Going out to the mountains and hanging out in the Wash Park neighborhood with my Korbel friends will always be fond memories for me as well.

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