

# THOMAS E. JONES

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## EDUCATION

**University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona** **May 2015 (expected)**  
PhD Natural Resource Policy  
Minor American Indian Studies

**University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona** **May 2012**  
Certificate in Renewable Natural Resources  
American Indian Studies

**University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Hilo, Hawai'i** **December 2011**  
Master of Science in Tropical Conservation Biology & Environmental Science

**Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma** **May 2008**  
Bachelor of Sciences in Biology  
Bachelor of Arts in Spanish

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**University of Arizona, Tucson Arizona** **August 2013 -Present**  
*Graduate Research Assistant for National Science Foundation Grant*

- Evaluating Native American cultural and social impacts on hydrologic functions in SE Arizona
- Determining the coupled-system interactions in riparian social-ecological systems
- Developing new scientific understanding and analytical tools to examine Indigenous impact on riparian areas

**Unites States House of Representatives, Washington, DC** **Summer 2013**  
*Udall Native American Congressional Internship Recipient with Congressman Raúl M. Grijalva-*

- Made outreach to Tribes and organizations for legislation awareness and sponsorship
- Attended and drafted notes for Natural Resource Committee hearings
- Wrote constituent response letters regarding natural resources and Native American issues

**University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona** **Spring 2013**  
*Graduate Research Assistant for Faculty Exploratory Grant-*

- Developed test questionnaire for Indian Tribes over appropriateness of solar energy projects
- Developed model for group collaboration and engagement
- Conducted site visits to reservations to identify barriers to renewable development

**United States Environmental Protection Agency, San Francisco, CA** **Summer 2012**  
*Permits Office of Air Division Fellow-*

- Characterized the process for *Economic Development Zone* designation
- Streamlined *New Source Review* regulation requirements for Tribal Nations
- Conducted outreach to Tribal Nations for permitting purposes

**Social Security Administration, Washington, DC** **Fall 2011**  
*Office of Retirement Policy Intern-*

- Researched factors relating and contributing to financial planning in Indian Country
- Characterized the current state of retirement statistics related to Indian Country

**SpecPro Inc., Cape Canaveral, Florida** **Summer 2011**  
*Environmental Analysis and Remediation Cape Canaveral Air Force Station Intern-*

- Manual herbicide application to invasive plant species

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- United States Department of Agriculture**, Washington, DC **Spring 2011**  
*Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service Intern-*
- Created success stories for RD website over past Native American focused grants
  - Organized Tribal questions regarding grant/loan consultation and made recommendations
- United States Department of Agriculture**, Riverdale, Maryland **Summer 2010**  
*Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Intern-*
- Collected data on *Camelina microcarpa* distribution within the United States
  - Created a cataloguing template in Excel for all data collected
  - Georeferenced GPS coordinates of plants to project extent images
- SpecPro Inc.**, Cape Canaveral, Florida **Summer 2008**  
*Environmental Analysis and Remediation Cape Canaveral Air Force Station Intern-*
- Stream and soil sampling for pollutants
  - Removal of invasive plant species with heavy equipment (i.e. bull dozer)
  - Collection and proper disposal of hazardous wastes
- Organization for Tropical Studies**, Puerto Viejo, Costa Rica **Summer 2007**  
*National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates Participant-*
- Conducted independent research in Puerto Viejo on liana seedling spatial patterns in a lowland tropical forest
- United States Department of Agriculture**, Riverdale, MD **Summer 2006**  
*Plant Protection and Quarantine Intern-*
- Designed and collected data for a plant identification handout
  - Secretarial work within the office

## COMMUNITY SERVICE EFFORTS

Scholarship and Internship Presenter, Indian Health Services Oklahoma City, *Volunteer*, 2012  
Adaptive Rowing Coach and Assistant for Paraplegics, Tempe Town Lake, *Volunteer*, 2012-2013  
United States Forest Service Field Technician, *Volunteer*, 2009-2010  
Mauna Kea Observatories, *Telescope Instructor*, 2009  
Gatewood Elementary School, *Spanish Teacher*, 2008  
NBA Hornets Team, *Volunteer*, 2005-2007

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Udall Native American Congressional Internship Program, Summer 2013  
American Indian Alumni Club Scholarship Recipient 2012-2013  
Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals Fellow, 2012  
UA/Alfred P. Sloan Foundation American Indian Graduate Partnership Fellowships, 2011-Present  
Native American Political Leadership Program, George Washington University, Spring 2011  
Catching the Dream Recipient, 2010-Lifetime  
Washington Internships for Native Students, American University, Summer 2006, 2010, Fall 2011  
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation - Gates Millennium Scholar, 2003-Present  
Bristol Bay Native Corporation- Education Foundation Recipient, 2003-Present