

Erik D. Eisele

- Professional focus: Responsive, engaged, data- and performance-driven leadership in the public/nonprofit sector
- Leveraging sustainable communities through collaborations, public-private partnerships, initiatives and advocacy
- 6+ years designing, building, leading and supporting multi-stakeholder collaborations domestically and abroad
- 12+ years communications, messaging, media, relationship-building and relationship management experience

Relevant Work Experience

University of Southern Maine Office of Service-Learning and Volunteering

Graduate Assistant, September 2018 to present

Design, implement and manage course-based nonprofit collaborations, multiple episodic service events, and provide student, faculty and community partner planning and consultation for integrated projects

- Relationship Management — Maintain current relationships and establish and build new relationships with multiple nonprofit community partners, faculty considering or engaged in partnership, and students seeking placement; provide ongoing support to all stakeholders and ensure smooth operation of all projects
- Volunteer Management — Recruit, train and support student participants for volunteer and service projects, ensure all necessary competencies are achieved, provide ongoing support to ensure collective success
- Program Design — Work with community partners and faculty to design projects that engage students, meet community partner needs and achieve course objectives within time and resource constraints
- Project Management — Lead simultaneous projects from design to implementation to post-completion review for continuous refinement; document all processes and build systems to ensure sustainability and replicability

Independent Nonprofit Consultant

April 2014 to present

Develop, coordinate and manage multi-stakeholder nonprofit projects and partnerships; provide support and leadership in all aspects of collaboration: strategic planning, project management, program design, coordination, marketing and communication, equity and sustainability, facilitation, international travel and logistics, volunteer support, etc.

Current projects: Belize 2020 partnership between the University of Southern Maine Honors Program and Global Service Partnerships; Haiti 2020 local school partnership with City Realty Boston/City Kids

Recent international projects:

- 2019 **Ethiopia:** Led City Realty Boston/City Kids donation partnership with nonprofit Ethiopia Skate
- Guatemala:** Led City Realty Boston/City Kids computer donation project with nonprofit La Choza Chula
- 2018 **Nepal:** Facilitated independent computer access initiative with City Realty Boston/City Kids
- 2017 **Cape Verde:** Supported school supply donation project with City Realty Boston/City Kids
- Nicaragua:** Strategic planning and marketing support on Arctic and Mountain Regions Development Institute Coffee Lives project
- 2016 **Belize:** Developed and oversaw Global Service Partnerships/Global Leadership Adventures 3-week youth volunteer service program
- 2015 **Cuba:** Designed and led Discover Corps cultural exchange program, 6 trips over 12 months
- 2014 **Peru:** Led Global Leadership Adventures rural health-focused youth service program
- Mozambique:** Developed economic improvement and park preservation strategic plan for Limpopo National Park for German development agency KfW with the Legado Initiative

Conway Daily Sun newspaper

Reporter, News Editor and Columnist, October 2010 to September 2018

Manage professional newsroom staff covering a community of 25,000, including coverage of the New Hampshire Presidential Primary and embedding alongside U.S. Soldiers from New Hampshire serving in Iraq and Kuwait

- Reporting — Conduct research and interviews and transform complex issues into cohesive narratives on deadline
- Staff Management — Oversee staff of 7 journalists and editors for 17,000-issue daily newspaper
- Column Writing — Give weekly voice to relevant economic, social, political and policy issues

Berlin Reporter newspaper

Reporter, May 2009 to October 2010

Sole staff reporter covering all aspects of government, politics, business and community

Won 3 2010 New Hampshire Press Association awards

Freelance Journalist, Media Producer and Strategist

June 2008 to present

Provide content, production support and media consultation to private clients

Clients: The Boston Globe, NPR, New Hampshire Public Radio, New Hampshire Union Leader, New Hampshire Magazine, Appalachia, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, American Alpine Club, Access Fund, Rock & Ice Magazine, as well as other publications, nonprofits, businesses, municipalities and political campaigns

Other Experience

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Other Community Work

Founding member of University of Southern Maine Antiracism practice group

Founding member and leader in Antiracist USM, an institutional reform group of students, faculty and staff

USM Intercultural and Diversity Advisory Council member and 2019 Student Fellow

Organized and led USM Muskie School Race & Policy Conversation Series for policy-focused graduate students

2019 Harvard Kennedy School of Government Black Policy Conference participant

2019 Universities Fighting World Hunger Summit presenter

Research and volunteer support for the Racial Equity Institute

Research assistant at USM Cutler Institute Justice Policy Center on for state-level hate crime reporting project

Grant reviewer for Maine Initiatives Grants for Change program

Coach and mentor at The Telling Room flagship Young Writers and Leaders program

Professional outdoor athlete and mountain guide

20 years professional experience teaching, presenting, leading trips and representing outdoor brands

Education

Muskie School of Public Service, University of Southern Maine — May 2020

Master of Policy, Planning and Management (MPPM), public policy and nonprofit management focus

Muskie Student Organization representative

University of Southern Maine — December 2007

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Bachelor of Arts in Media Studies, Economics minor; *Summa cum laude*