

NICOLA SWINBURNE
ASSOCIATE

Professional Experience

Design, Community & Environment, Berkeley, California. Associate. 2009 through present. Responsible for project management and analysis for environmental review studies, including project-level and programmatic EIRs, as well as detailed Initial Studies/Mitigated Negative Declarations. Current projects include the *LBNL Seismic Phase II EIR/EA* for the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the *Housing Element Initial Study* for the City of San Ramon.

Swinburne Environmental Investigation Agency, Oakland, California. Environmental Consultant/Investigator. 2006 through 2009. Prepared Initial Studies and EIRs/EISs under CEQA/NEPA. Projects included the *San Francisco Bay Water Trail* and *Dutch Slough Restoration Project* for the Coastal Conservancy and the *Water Pipeline Crossover Project* for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

City Talk, San Francisco, California. Project Director. 2001 through 2004. Founded City Talk, a U.S. non-profit organization sponsored by Earth Island Institute, and co-founded City Talk Uganda in East Africa. Advocated for U.S.-Uganda links and discussions about development through presentations to civic leaders and community groups. Set up Uganda partnerships for schools in Hayward, Menlo Park and San Francisco. Assembled a 6- to 10-member advisory board. Recruited and supervised volunteers for Internet work. Raised funds for City Talk and City Talk Uganda from foundations, individuals and special events.

Earth Island Journal, San Francisco, California. Production Director. 2001 through 2002. Wrote international news features and solicited and edited other contributions for the quarterly environmental publication. Managed production and finances. Coordinated with printers, designers, public relations consultants, copy editors, writers and other journal staff.

Steve Volker Law Firm, Oakland, California. Researcher. 2000 through 2001. Reviewed EIRs and EISs on new developments in Southern California, with particular emphasis on review of evidence relating to oil spills and toxic chemical releases. Interviewed government agency staff to verify statements and to search for new evidence. Prepared questions for depositions and responses to statements.

International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives, Toronto, California. Consultant. 2001 through 2001. Worked with local governments in the cities of Jinja, Uganda and Nakuru, Kenya to evaluate projects carried out in connection with the UN's sustainable development program Agenda 21.

Environmental Policy Center, San Francisco, California. Associate. 1999 through 2000. Researched and analyzed local government environmental policies for an internet-based retrieval system on approximately 6,000 policies stored in a series of interactive Filemaker databases. Helped design, write and supervise the development of on-line best practice guides on energy efficiency and water use. Supervised research on facts and indicators in environmental issues.

Education

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Geochemistry, McMasters University, Ontario, Canada.

Post-Doctoral NATO Fellow, Geochemistry, University of California, Berkeley.

Ph.D, Paleontology and Geochemistry, The Open University, Milton Keynes, United Kingdom.

Bachelor/Master of Arts with Honors, Natural Sciences, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.