

LEONARD & SANDY SARGENT EVST GRADUATE FELLOW

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Holly Seymour

Holly Seymour graduated from the University of Montana in 2016 with a B.A. degree in Political Science and a B.A. degree in Spanish, with a minor in International Development Studies. As an undergraduate, she served as Associate Students Senator (ASUM), serving on both the Sustainable Campus Committee and the Political Action Committee. Holly was active in petitioning for Smith River protection and for the Clean Power Plan in Montana. Further, she was selected to participate in the Global Leadership Initiative (GLI) program and received the GLI Capstone Project of the year in 2016.



Since completing her undergraduate degrees, Holly has worked as a campaign organizer for Environment Montana, a citizen-based environmental advocacy organization and a project of Environment America. Her responsibilities include community outreach, lobbying, event planning, fundraising and campaign design. In 2017, the Montana League of Conservation Voters sent Holly to Washington, D.C. to represent Montana millennial in their fly-in campaign to lobby Montana senators about the BLM Methane Rule.

As a Sargent Fellow, Holly's graduate interests and plans are to study policy transition toward renewable energy and community adaptation and resilience in response to climate change effects such as drought, decreased snowpacks, higher temperatures, and poor air quality in fire season. She also would like to collaborate on a preliminary proposal for a city or country solar transition initiative.