

From South Africa to Cedar City, Utah: Transferring My Field Study Experience to a Professional Setting



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Kim Yeoman educates policy-makers, non-profit organizations, and businesses on the rights of people with disabilities. Yeoman also does extensive work within the schools promoting positive disability awareness. During summer 2006, she conducted a field study in South Africa researching the effects of having a disability. Being in a wheelchair herself gave Yeoman a unique perspective as she conducted her research. She worked at REHAB, an organization in East London, South Africa, that works with people with physical disabilities, mental illnesses, and the blind, as well as played on a wheelchair rugby team. She took all she learned from her field study and directly applied it to her current job. Many of the projects she worked on in East London have been useful in Cedar City. Yeoman will receive a BS in social work with a minor in international development from BYU in December.

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