

Matthew David Bentley

B.Com, MA, PhD, CIBP

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Sustainability and social research
- Qualitative, quantitative and policy research
- Policy and program monitoring and evaluation
- Project management
- Highly motivated & organised team player, analytical, methodical, strong IT, oral & written skills, willingness to listen, learn and ability to work autonomously
- Familiarity with Australian and international sustainability conventions, policies and programs including relevant UNEP, UNESCO and UNDP programs (e.g. UNESCO Decade of Education for Sustainable Development), UN Consumer Guidelines

PERSONAL DETAILS

- Born 7 October 1973
- Australian (also hold French residency)
- Married (Nationality of wife: French)
- Languages: French (working knowledge), Spanish (reading)

EDUCATION

2000-2003	American Graduate School of International Relations and Diplomacy (AGSIRD)	Paris
	Ph.D. (Academic Honours, GPA 3.73). Awarded in November 2003. Dissertation: "Sustainable Consumption: Ethics, National Indices and International Relations"	
1999-2000	American Graduate School (AGSIRD)	Paris
	Master of Arts in International Relations (Honours, <i>Magna cum laude</i>) Included classes/seminars at <i>l'Université de Paris Sud XI</i> , Faculté Jean Monnet MA Thesis: "Sustainable Consumption, the Global Consumer Class and Information Technology"	
1997-1998	University of Oxford (U.K.)	New York
	Mountbatten Internship Programme Certificate of International Business Practice (CIBP)	
1995-1996	State University of New York	New York
	1-Year International Exchange Program. Completion of Bachelor degree Cumulative GPA 3.75 - University Presidents List	
1992-1994	University of Western Sydney	Sydney
	Bachelor of Commerce (BCOM), Majors in Economics & Finance	
1984-1991	Knox Grammar School	Sydney

**PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE**

2004-Current RMIT University Melbourne
Postdoctoral Fellow in Sustainability

- I am conducting research within the new field of education for sustainable consumption. I am in the process of writing several journal and magazine articles relating to the findings of our recent Australian Government sustainable consumption research project (see below). I am preparing to facilitate the distribution of the published report to our contacts database, and will disseminate the results on national radio programs (e.g. ABC National Radio) and at sustainable consumption and youth education workshops throughout Australia.
- I am also in the process of developing several new education for sustainable consumption projects with external partners including UNESCO and the UN Environment Programme education division.

2003-2004 Griffith University Sydney / Brisbane
Project coordinator / Research fellow

- In early 2003 a partnership between Griffith University and the International Young Professionals Foundation (IYPF) won a competitive tender to facilitate a research undertaking on *Sustainable Consumption: Young Australians as Agents of Change* for the Australian Government's National Youth Affairs Research Scheme (NYARS). I coordinated this project under the guidance of Professor John Fien at Griffith University.
- The project included an extensive literature review on youth empowerment and youth education for sustainable development topics, a national youth and sustainable consumption survey, a consultative process with young people, the delivery of a pilot training and capacity building project for young people and the analysis of implications for government policymaking.
- The project team established strong ties to other educational institutions, youth organisations, and state and territory government departments during the 18 month project. The project was also recognised by UNEP and UNESCO as a successful model and case study. The final report was submitted to the project steering committee in October 2004.

2002-2003 United Nations Environment Programme Paris
Consultant (Part-time)

- Completion of the Tracking Progress sustainable consumption research project (see below) and other minor tasks relating to UNEP DTIE activities including editing and maintaining the UNEP sustainable consumption online newsletter and preparing papers on sustainable consumption and sustainable agriculture.
- Providing advice on sustainable consumption work programme, preparing promotional materials for the presentation/release of the Tracking Progress report, presenting Report at international workshops.

2000-2001 United Nations Environment Programme Paris
Project manager (Full-time)

- Designed and coordinated the joint UNEP-Consumers International project, *Tracking Progress: Implementing sustainable consumption policies* (UNEP, 2002). The world-wide audit of over fifty national governments is the first global evaluation of implementation of the revised United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection. See report at: <http://www.uneptie.org/pc/sustain/policies/tracking.htm>
- Responsible for 5 regional project personnel and research assistants in Paris and London. The Report includes a review of policies in 52 countries and case studies from Australia, Brazil, China, Chile, Germany, Japan, Senegal, and Mauritius. The Report, launched in September 2002 at the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, South Africa), was instrumental in mobilising the unanimous support of governments for the development of a ten-year framework of programs on sustainable consumption.

- Coordinated and assisted on a range of other sustainability projects including those relating to cleaner production / cleaner technologies, the UNEP Finance Initiative, agriculture and food (developed an interactive information clearinghouse with industry partners such as Unilever, IFA, etc.), industrial estates and mining.

1998-1999

American Express

Sydney

Compliance manager

Regional Legal Compliance Office – Japan Asia Pacific Australia. Managed regional office. Facilitation of an effective region-wide compliance program. Responsibilities included: Conduct training sessions (including the development of an anti-corruption interactive computer-based training resource), support implementation of new cash payment policy, track and issue SARs to government, organise regional workshops, update senior managers on regulatory changes, drafting of new policies.

1997-1998

American Express

New York

Legal analyst

Anti-Money Laundering/International Compliance: Managed production, rollout and monitoring of global AML training kit project 'Be Alert!' (24 countries, 7 languages), communicate new laws & initiatives to staff, draft monthly compliance newsletter and maintain inventory of int'l laws/policies. Organise yearly Amex Anti-Money Laundering Conference (200 participants from Amex and govt. agencies)

1996-1997

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Sydney

Corporate actions analyst/Project support

Aust. Stock Exchange Registry dept.: project management, rights issues, public floats, etc.

1994-1995

Household Financial Services

Sydney

Credit analyst

Income & expenditure analyses, a/c dispute resolution, auditing, customer service

SKILLS

Computer Skills: MS Applications (Word, Excel, Access), Sphinx Survey (Lexica edition – quantitative/qualitative survey software), Trellix Web, HDK3, Dreamweaver, MS FrontPage, Adobe PhotoShop, Macromedia Fireworks and other graphics software

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2003-2004: \$55,000 (with J Fien and C. Neil)
National Youth Affairs Research Scheme
“Sustainable Consumption: Young Australians as Agents of Change”
- 2000-2002: \$80,000 (with B. Pedersen and B. de Leeuw)
Government of Norway and UNEP
“Tracking Progress: Implementing Sustainable Consumption Policies”

CONSULTANCY GRANTS

- 2004-2005: \$20,000 (forthcoming)
UNEP DTIE, Government of Norway and EU
Preparation of background papers and meeting reports for three high-level sustainable consumption seminars
- 2004: \$8,000
Consumers International (London)
Preparation of 2nd edition of Tracking Progress report and project supervision of government training guide on sustainable consumption policies
- 2003: \$5,500
UNDP, UNEP DTIE
“Draft Background Paper – Forging New Paths to Sustainable Development”

- 2003: \$4,000
Consumers International
“A Training Kit for Consumer Organisations on Sustainable Food Production”
- 2002: \$12,000
Consumers International
“Sustainable Food Consumption & Production Systems: A global literature review”
- 2002: \$10,000
UNEP DTIE
Development of CD-ROM of SC work programme

PUBLICATIONS

- Bentley, M., J. Fien and C. Neil (2004, in press) *Sustainable Consumption: Young Australians as Agents of Change*, NYARS 2004 Paper Series, Canberra
- Bentley, M. (2004) *Tracking Progress: Implementing sustainable consumption policies* (2nd edition) (Paris: UNEP DTIE-Consumers International)
- Bentley, M. (2004) “Off to the Market” in *The Diplomat* (Apr-May 2004)
- Bentley, M and J. Fien (2004) “A Consuming Future?” in *SangSaeng*, UNESCO Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding, No.9, March 2004
- Bentley (2003) “Forging New Paths to Sustainable Development”, Background Paper to Asia-Pacific Expert Meeting on Promoting Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns (Paris: UNEP-UNDP-UNDESA-Government of Indonesia)
- Bentley (2003) “World Consumer Class” in *State of the World 2004* (New York: Norton)
- Bentley (2003) “Sustainable Food Consumption and Production Systems: A global literature review” (London: Consumers International)
- Bentley (2003) “Sustainable Food Consumption and Production Systems: A Training Kit for Consumer Organisations” (London: Consumers International)
- Bentley (2003) “French Fries” in *The Diplomat* (Oct-Nov 2003)
- Bentley (2003) “Taking it for Granted” in *The Diplomat* (Apr-May 2003)
- Bentley (2003) “Environment II” in *The Diplomat* (Feb-Mar 2003)
- Bentley, M., B. Pedersen and B. de Leeuw (2002) “Measuring Progress Towards Implementation of the UN Guidelines for Consumer Protection” in *Waiting for Delivery: A Civil Society Assessment of Progress Toward Sustainable Production and Consumption* (New York: ICSPAC)
- Bentley (2002) *Tracking Progress: Implementing Sustainable Consumption Policies* (Paris: UNEP Division of Technology, Industry and Economics-Consumers International)
- Bentley, M and B. de Leeuw (2001) “Sustainable Consumption Indicators” in the *UNESCO Encyclopaedia of Life Support Systems (EOLSS)* (Paris: UNESCO)
- Bentley (2000) “The Agri-Food Production and Consumption Forum” Project Brochure (Paris: UNEP)
- Bentley (2000) “Is The Future Yours” Project Brochure (Paris: UNEP)
- Bentley (2000) “Global consumers have spoken: An international study on consumer trends and expectations” in *Industry and Environment*, Volume. 23, No. 4, 2001.

INTERESTS

Student Conferences: U.S. Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference (delegate)

Committees: Int'l. Student committee rep. (Syd./U.S.), Student (AGS, Paris), Social (MIP), Member of the American Australian Society (since 1998)

Voluntary Work: Ural State TRT University, Russia (8 weeks teaching, July/Aug.1999); New York Cares Volunteer (New York, U.S.); and IICD (Boston)

REFEREES

Professor John Fien, Griffith University, Queensland, [Tel: 0417 747 100, Email: j.fien@griffith.edu.au]

Mr. Bas de Leeuw, Head, Strategy Unit, Division of Technology, Industry and Economics, UNEP, Paris. [Tel: +33 1 44 37 14 41, Email: bas.deleeuw@unep.fr]

Professor Douglas A. Yates, Professor of International Affairs and Research Methodology, American University of Paris (AGSIRD, Paris), [Tel: +33 1 47200094, Email: douglas.yates@aup.fr]