

Young Past Student of Distinction Award 2019



Lucy Shaw ('09)

Lucy works in international development, currently focusing on the intersection of energy and development in Africa. After graduating from St Margaret's, she studied mechanical engineering at the University of Melbourne. While studying, she completed internships in laser research and oil and gas engineering, and joined Boston Consulting Group (BCG), a global management consulting firm, after finishing her degree. In this role she advised leaders in state governments, energy and mining companies, and NGOs on business strategy in Australia and the USA.

Lucy left BCG to pursue work in Latin America and Africa that would improve people's lives and help them to meet basic needs such as getting access to electricity and having secure access to food. She worked on solar projects in the Amazon in Peru, advised the Ethiopian government on improving agricultural productivity and helped companies in Africa provide electricity to more customers at a lower cost. She is currently a Masters' student and Fulbright Scholar at Harvard studying development economics and an MBA, where she completes research on government debt in Africa, and how electricity infrastructure can be improved in the continent.

