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Education

Reformed Theological Seminary, Master of Arts in Theological Studies (Charlotte, NC)

Expected May 2025

University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy, Master of Public Policy (Chicago, IL)

June 2020

Relevant coursework: Social Sector Strategy and Structure, Philanthropy and Community Change, Intergenerational Mobility, Regional Innovation

Furman University, BA, Urban Studies and Political Science (Greenville, SC)

May 2015

Founder of 4 key campus initiatives including TEDxFurmanU, appointed assistant to the university president for neighborhood initiatives

Experience

Foundation for the Carolinas (FFTC), Leading on Opportunity, Senior Manager, Data and Evaluation (Charlotte, NC)

Nov 2020 - Present

Advancing economic mobility through rigorous evaluation and human-centered design

United Way of Central Carolinas, Community Impact Intern (Charlotte, NC)

June - Oct 2020

- Defined data tools, best practices, and policy opportunities to promote equitable development through empirical and landscape research
- Mapped organizations, assets, and deployment of philanthropic resources to create a roadmap for the future of rapidly changing neighborhoods

Harris School of Public Policy and Booth School of Business, 13 selective practicums and assistantships (Chicago, IL)

- Launched evidence-backed set of 6 regional indicators to track changes in the racial wealth gap for the CEO of the Chicago Community Trust
- Overhauled healthcare framework for the CEO of an \$80M social services org through digital prototyping and implementation planning
- Redesigned implementation process for Chicago City Clerk's short-term vehicle sticker pilot program through UX research and survey methods
- Generated growth roadmap for 2 local consumer products companies through financial analysis, price strategy, and market segmentation
- Identified 2 investments, designed 3 evaluation frameworks, and advised on fiscal sponsorship for philanthropic arm of \$160B family office
- Discovered 7 spatial trends in rural childcare utilization by using R to analyze federal census/ACS data for a consortium of national think tanks
- Revamped strategy for graduate student leadership program by proposing 5 recommendations through UX, focus group, and prototype research
- Organized interdisciplinary symposium on public space by curating presenters, recruiting partners, executing logistics, and managing 24 peers
- Mentored 3 teams of undergrads in a series of pro-bono consulting engagements focused on survey design, impact evaluation, and user research

Harris Community Action, Partnership Manager, Operations Manager, and Consulting Fellow (Chicago, IL)

- Supervised and trained 86 graduate students to provide impact measurement and technical evaluations for 25 non-profit orgs over 2 years
- Recruited 15 partner orgs, defined scope for 20+ projects, created scoping framework and trained others in its use, ensured successful delivery
- Mobilized a team of 3 to deliver a communications strategy, donor workflow, and evaluation framework for a \$600k preservation org

World Bank Group (WBG), Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP), Engagement Strategy Intern (Remote)

Sept - Dec 2019

- Formulated 2 engagement plans to guide WBG leadership in expanding inclusive finance partnerships with USAID and 3 other OECD orgs
- Distilled 50+ technical working papers and 15 national agency development strategies into a simple 4-part business development framework
- Identified 9 investment trends across 37 governments and large NGOs by analyzing a decade of financial data in Tableau for CGAP leadership

World Resources Institute (WRI), Ross Center for Sustainable Cities, *Inclusive Cities Intern* (Washington, DC)

- Delivered a suite of 17 strategic climate actions with 50+ specific policy recommendations for a network of 94 global megacity mayors
- Benchmarked leading climate action plans and generated best practices by using ranking model focused on equity and technical feasibility
- Crafted 4 modules to train city decision-makers in understanding the need for equitable climate policy and implementing the above actions
- Named by WRI leadership "Most Likely to Change the World," the top project award chosen from among the work of 60+ fellow interns

Fulbright Scholarship Program (2x), Assistant Coordinator and English Teaching Assistant (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)

Jan 2016 - Nov 2017

- Managed a team of 15 to execute 30+ educational development programs in rural Borneo; Redesigned placement matching process for 100 grantees by building sorting and ranking algorithm in Excel, led 5 conferences bringing together 98 attendees across 8 regions
- Increased impact of small grants program by 130% through overhaul of proposal process, delivered 77 programs to ~50,000 people
- Guided team of 5 to pitch and establish community-based transportation program, reduced participant absenteeism by 38% in 4 months, increased funding by 20% in 4 weeks, and organized first-ever TEDxYouth event in a Malaysian public school through US Embassy grant

US Trade Representative, Europe and Middle East Office, Trade Negotiation Summer Fellow (Washington, DC)

- Presented negotiation briefs for lead negotiator and deputies, coordinated event logistics for US-EU negotiating rounds (obtained clearance)
- Represented the US as 1 of 5 youth delegates at the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation CEO Summit in Beijing, spoke on future of education

European Parliament, Office of member Roberta Metsola, Legislative Stagerie (Brussels, Belgium)

- Coordinated 5 co-interns in creating plenary vote guides for 2 members, advised on 1,000+ ballot measures concerning EU affairs outside Malta
- Authored policy briefs, co-authored editorials, conducted research to support EU roadmaps for cross-national inclusion and equity policy

Affiliations