

Professional Experience

- January 2019 – present
House Natural Resources Committee (HNRC), Majority Staff **Deputy Staff Director and Senior Energy and Minerals Policy Advisor**
- Served on three-person leadership team with Staff Director and Chief Counsel to develop strategy, policies, and procedures for HNRC and oversee staff of more than 40; concurrently led Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee as Staff Director, responsible for all activities of the subcommittee and directly managing a team of up to five staff.
 - Set energy and mining policy for the committee in conjunction with Full Committee and Subcommittee chairs; developed and managed subcommittee agenda; directed communications and outreach strategy; worked with Members on and off committee to advance individual legislative and oversight priorities; and provided strategic and subject matter advice to Member offices.
 - In 116th Congress, directly responsible for 32 subcommittee and full committee hearings; shepherding 22 bills through committee markup; passing 5 sole-jurisdiction bills through the House; and coordinating with other committees and leadership on Natural Resources components of large energy bills (H.R. 2 and H.R. 4447).
 - Led development of American Public Lands and Waters Climate Solution Act (H.R. 5435), which would mandate net-zero greenhouse gas emissions from public lands and waters by 2040. Worked with dozens of outside groups to negotiate acceptable policy compromises during drafting process.
 - Met regularly and maintained effective and cooperative working relationships with House Democratic leadership, other House and Senate committees, and key interest groups and other stakeholders, including state and local government officials, labor unions, and Environmental Justice advocates on Committee leg. and oversight priorities and objectives.
- September 2013– December 2018
House Natural Resources Committee, Minority Staff **Senior Energy Policy Advisor**
- Senior professional staff responsible for crafting and coordinating energy, environment, and mineral policy platform and priorities for Ranking Member of House Natural Resources Committee.
 - Served as lead Democratic policy staff for House Floor action on numerous energy and natural resources policy bills, including developing Caucus-wide message and briefing materials in coordination with Minority Leader's office.
 - Developed and promoted Democratic response for 85 hearings in Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, including identifying witnesses, drafting talking points and questions, and conducting hearing follow-up.
 - Drafted comprehensive energy policy reform bill, the Sustainable Energy Development Reform Act (H.R. 4426 (115)), and comprehensive hardrock mining reform bill, the Hardrock Leasing and Reclamation Act (H.R. 5753 (115)).
- March 2013 – September 2013
Bureau of Land Management (BLM) **Senior Advisor to the Director**
- Provided detailed, objective advice to Acting Director on range of energy issues under BLM's jurisdiction, including hydraulic fracturing, coal leasing, oil and gas leasing and leasing reform, Alaska legacy wells, and climate change.
 - Reviewed proposed policies, regulations, legislation, and outreach products to ensure compliance with the Administration's goals and priorities.
 - Liaised with senior Departmental officials on fast-moving energy issues and other special topics, including coordinating BLM input on President's climate change initiative.
 - Briefed Secretary, other senior Departmental officials, and Congressional staff on details of hydraulic fracturing rule.
 - Recognized by Departmental and Agency leadership and other decision makers as a professional resource in energy, environmental protection, and natural resources policy areas.
- October 2011 – March 2013
Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) **Senior Advisor to the Director**
- Provided detailed, objective advice to Director on full range of issues under BSEE's jurisdiction.
 - Reviewed proposed policies, regulations, legislation, and outreach products to ensure compliance with Administration goals and priorities.
 - Served as primary point of contact at Interior HQ for 2012 Arctic drilling activities, regularly briefing senior leadership of the Department of the Interior, including the Secretary. Worked extensively with the interagency working group on Alaska permitting, and drafted white paper on Federal oil spill preparedness and response in the Arctic.
 - One of three primary investigators and authors on Secretarial-mandated review of Shell's 2012 Arctic drilling activities.
 - Provided rapid response to inquiries from Departmental and Bureau communications teams on offshore oil and gas activities, and participated in the development of a White House blog post on domestic energy production.
 - Liaison to National Security Staff on Cuban offshore drilling issues and the U.S.-Brazil Strategic Energy Dialogue.
 - Briefed Congressional staff on regulatory policy and offshore drilling activities in Cuba and the Arctic.
- January 2011 – October 2011
House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee; Subcommittee on Highways and Transit **Democratic Professional Staff**
- Policy specialist on public transportation, transportation research, and metropolitan and statewide planning issues.

- April 2007 – January 2011 **House Natural Resources Committee, Subcommittee on Energy & Mineral Resources** **Legislative Staff**
- Policy specialist on offshore drilling, federal onshore oil and gas leasing & development, royalty collection, general MMS/BOEMRE and BLM oversight, renewable energy on federal lands, carbon sequestration, USGS oversight, and insular area energy issues, and Department of the Interior and Department of Energy budgets relevant to those topics; provided advice and analysis to Committee Chairman and other Members on these issues.
 - Led committee investigation into *Deepwater Horizon* explosion; served as senior point of contact between Committee, Leadership offices, and agency officials on investigation and Democratic legislative response, the CLEAR Act.
 - Coordinated, and responsible for, drafting of the CLEAR Act; negotiated with Member, Committee, and leadership offices on markup and Floor amendments; briefed Speaker on Floor amendment compromise.
 - Directed and developed outreach strategies for Democratic response to Republican "Drill, Baby, Drill" campaign in 2008; participated in strategy sessions with Speaker's office and other Democratic leadership offices on effective strategies and initiatives to counter opposition messaging; created floor charts and talking points for Democratic leadership and individual Members; instrumental in drafting Democratic response bills for action on House Floor.
 - Organized and led all or part of 26 subcommittee and full committee hearings.
 - Met regularly and maintained effective and cooperative working relationships with key officials at federal agencies, including DOI and DOE, and key energy-related interest groups and other energy stakeholders, including state and local government officials, on Committee legislative and oversight priorities and objectives.
- January 2006 – April 2007 **Office of Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ)** **Legislative Assistant**
- Chief policy advisor and speechwriter for Senator's Energy and Natural Resources committee issues, in addition to transportation, environment, science, and agriculture.
 - Responsible for initial drafting of Senate language for Energy and Environmental Block Grant program, eventually enacted in Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 and funded through 2009 Recovery Act.
 - Drafted, and coordinated office outreach efforts for numerous amendments adopted in committee and on the Floor.
- August 2004 – January 2006 **Office of Congressman Robert Menendez (D-NJ-13)** **Legislative Assistant**
- Chief policy advisor and speechwriter for Congressman's Transportation and Infrastructure Committee issues, in addition to the environment, interior, and agriculture.
 - Negotiated with Transportation & Infrastructure committee staff to win Floor acceptance of Pay-To-Play amendment for transportation reauthorization bill; worked with committee staff on successful Floor amendment to increase Amtrak funding level and protect long-distance train routes; drafted bill on natural disaster warning systems that was incorporated into committee chair's omnibus legislation.
- October 2003 – August 2004 **Office of Senator Jon Corzine (D-NJ)** **AAAS/ACS Congressional Science Fellow**
- Competitively selected by the American Chemical Society to receive an American Association for the Advancement of Science Congressional Fellowship for 2003-2004.
 - Worked on a variety of domestic policy issues, with an emphasis on environmental, transportation, science, technology, education, and energy issues. Drafted amendments for budget resolution and successful inclusion in transportation bill; coordinated office response to a DuPont VX nerve agent byproduct disposal plan.
- 2002 – 2003 **University of Wisconsin-Madison** **Lecturer**
- Taught upper-level Inorganic Chemistry and collaborated on review article and bioinorganic research project.
- 2000 – 2002 **Hamilton College, Clinton, NY** **Dreyfus Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow**
- Managed and supervised computational research group of up to fourteen undergraduates, with work resulting in six peer-reviewed journal articles; taught five undergraduate chemistry courses at the introductory and advanced levels.
- 1994 – 2000 **University of Wisconsin-Madison** **Research/Teaching Assistant**
- Researched the mechanism of highly selective drug-design catalysts using computational methods.
- Summer 1998 **KUNC-FM, Greeley, CO** **AAAS Mass Media Science and Engineering Fellow**
- Produced 10 feature-length science stories for local NPR broadcasts during summer.
 - Initiated story ideas, interviewed subjects, wrote and voiced script, and performed final editing for all stories.

Education & Honors

- 2000 Ph.D., Physical Chemistry University of Wisconsin-Madison
- *University of Wisconsin College of Letters and Science Teaching Fellow, 1999.*
 - *UW Department of Chemistry Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, 1996.*
 - *UW Department of Chemistry McElvain Fellowship, 1994.*
- 1994 B.S., Chemistry University of Massachusetts at Amherst
- *Phi Beta Kappa, University of Massachusetts, 1994.*