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EXPERIENCE

US Department of Transportation (DOT), Presidential Appointment Counselor to the Deputy Secretary

**Washington, DC
Oct. 2021 - Present**

- Manages the immediate office of the Deputy Secretary and collaborating seamlessly with the Office of the Secretary, including principal operations, office management, policy priorities and objectives, and external engagement to ensure progress on Administration goals and Departmental priorities in the Deputy Secretary's portfolio. Includes overseeing a team of five and manages an annual budget of \$1,000,000.
- Counsels the Deputy Secretary on various political and technical issues facing the department such as advising on project development for the Union Station Expansion Project, implementing Justice40 priorities, and creation of the joint DOT/DOE Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Office.
- Manages the organizational operations portfolio assigned to the Deputy Secretary, including procurement, facilities, sustainability, enterprise risk management and financial controls, investigations and audits, and ongoing conversations about the future of work. Works closely with others across the Department, including the Assistant Secretary of Administration, the CFO/Assistant Secretary for Finance and Budget, the General Counsel, and the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations on these priorities

Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) State and Federal Advocate for Transportation and Infrastructure

**Washington, DC
July 2018 – Oct. 2021**

- Acts as a lead transportation advisor for the American Cities Climate Challenge (ACCC) in Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and Cincinnati, developing ambitious transportation sector greenhouse gas reduction strategies. As lead transportation advisor, manages cities teams of 6 – 10 staff per city to implement specific projects; manages up to \$1,000,000 in-kind resources per city to support ACCC work. Key milestones included passing Issue 7 in Hamilton County, OH which increases transit funding to \$150 million per year, publishing the Boston Zero Emission Vehicle Roadmap, establishing a Transportation Equity Network in D.C., and deploying COVID-response car-free networks in Philadelphia.
- Manages partner relationships with ACCC transportation organizations such as National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) and Nelson Nygaard, including managing sub-grants of up to \$500,000 per year.
- Spearheads an Energy Foundation funded federal transit campaign, total budget \$150,000 per year and five national partner organizations, to support emergency transit operations funding through federal legislation. Distributed and managed grants to 13 local transit organizations to host forums that included Congressional members, local officials, riders, mobility advocates and transit agencies.
- Developed and deployed equitable best practices and tools for cities and states from the Bloomberg Climate Action Playbook that 1) drive down greenhouse gas emissions from transportation, 2) increase the climate resiliency of infrastructure and communities, and 3) increase equitable outcomes for communities of color.
- Created federal legislative and administrative campaigns, through coordinated input of a staff of twelve federal specialists, to advance NRDC's institutional strategic goals related to climate and infrastructure with a focus on transportation.
- Cultivated close relationships with T&I, EPW, and Budget committee staff as well as key Congressional transportation leaders, "big green" advocates, and transportation coalitions to shape the INVEST Act, Heroes Act, and other legislation related to low carbon transportation, housing and other key infrastructure priorities for NRDC.

Independent Consultant for National Safety Council Autonomous Vehicle Coalition Manager

**Washington, DC
Feb. 2018 – July 2018**

- Launched the National Safety Council's Autonomous Vehicle (AV) Coalition on consumer education and acceptance. Key partnerships included original equipment manufacturers, tech companies, consumer advocates, and universities.

City of Portland, Bureau of Transportation Senior Management Analyst, Legislative and Resource Development

**Portland, OR
Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017**

- Led city policy and efforts to implement congestion pricing, consisting of grant identification and writing; designing a revealed preference road user charge pilot in partnership with ODOT and Oregon Metro; lobbying the state legislature to include congestion pricing pilot funds in a \$5.3 billion state transportation funding package; and developing a strategic partnership with NRDC to explore congestion pricing's effects on equity.

- Managed a team of two to develop and implement Portland's Autonomous Vehicle (AV) initiative. Key deliverables included instituting a City policy on AVs; releasing an RFI for AV pilots in June 2017; developing an interim administrative rule and permit application; and designing a public outreach strategy.
- Coordinated political support for the AV initiative through relationship building at the state and regional level. This included getting Portland a seat at the table for the State Legislative AV working group and Governor's AV working group. Obtained letters of support for Portland's application for federal AV Proving Ground designation.

US Department of Transportation (DOT), Presidential Appointment	Washington, DC
Associate Director, Build America Transportation Investment Center (BATIC)	July 2014 – Sept. 2016
Policy Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and Int'l Affairs	Oct. 2014 – Oct. 2015

- Acted as a key member of the management team that launched a transportation infrastructure investment office – BATIC, later known as the Build America Bureau. This office, which combined the staff of TIFIA and RRIF credit programs, serves as a one stop shop for transportation infrastructure financing, increasing access to multiple credit programs, transportation expertise, and innovative finance structures. Projects receiving assistance during this time period estimated to total over \$21 billion.
- Developed and tracked performance metrics to measure BATIC's efficiency over the first year of implementation.
- Navigated project sponsors through pre-credit processes; projects included: Gateway – Hudson Tunnels, NYC Moynihan Station, MBTA Positive Train Control, VA Transform66, Port Newark Container Terminal, and others.
- Published white papers on multiple policy issues including: P3 best practices for transportation infrastructure, the alignment of DOT credit programs, and increasing multimodal and nontraditional credit applicants.
- Managed relationship with the BATIC Institute, a strategic partnership with AASHTO that provides transportation professionals capacity building opportunities in project finance. Oversaw website design and maintenance, developed a webinar series of P3 case studies accompanied by in-person peer exchanges.
- Advised the Assistant Secretary on political projects including conceptualizing a two-year strategic plan, implementing White House led efforts to pass the Trans-Pacific Partnership and Trade Promotion Authority.
- Managed and directed an international Women in Transportation (WiT) initiative:
 - Chaired the APEC WiT Task Force with co-chairs Philippines and Vietnam. Completed an APEC Minister endorsed WiT Framework and Best Practices compendium being implemented across 21 APEC economies. Hosted a ministerial level forum at the 9th Transportation Ministerial Meeting in Cebu, Philippines, 2015.
 - Secured strategic partnerships with Inter-American Development Bank, Transportation Research Board, University of Memphis, and Johns Hopkins University School of Advance International Studies.

Energetics, Inc. – Management Consulting on Energy and Climate Change	Washington, DC
Policy Analyst; Client: US Department of Energy (DOE)	May 2014 – Sept. 2014
Energy Policy Intern; Client: DOE	Aug. 2012 – May 2014

- Provided analytical and logistical support for the Quadrennial Energy Review, focusing on investment policy.
- Conceptualized, designed and launched C3Enet.org in April 2013, an international social networking site to support women in clean energy. Moderated and promoted C3Enet.org and deployed social media outreach strategy.

US Department of Energy, Office of Policy and International Affairs	Washington, DC
Program Analyst, Limited Term Appointment	Jan. 2012 – July 2012

- Executed the launch of the US Clean Energy Education & Empowerment (C3E) program in partnership with Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) Energy Initiative, including recruiting a cohort of 30 senior energy executives – the C3E Ambassadors, hosting an annual symposium and administering C3E Awards.
- Created a comprehensive communications strategy for the Clean Energy Ministerial with the Office of Public Affairs.

US Department of Energy, Loan Programs Office (LPO)	Washington, DC
Special Assistant to the Executive Director, Limited Term Appointment	June 2011 – Jan. 2012

- Advised the LPO Executive Director; during this period the office approved \$32.4 billion in loans and loan guarantees for 29 clean energy and advanced auto manufacturing projects.
- Coordinated meetings with Secretary of Energy, interagency officials, private sector, and industry advocacy groups to establish LPO project priorities, review the status of project financing, and probe in-depth project eligibility.

US Department of Energy, Loan Programs Office (LPO)	Washington, DC
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Business Analyst, IBM Contractor

Jan. 2010 – May 2011

- Evaluated clean energy technology financial models and credit risk assessments for Senior Investment Officers.
- Researched and wrote market analysis portions of credit papers for LPO cellulosic ethanol loan guarantees.

**United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI)
Curriculum and Accounting Coordinator**

**Washington, DC
June 2008 – Nov. 2009**

- Managed the \$4.3 million budget for a non-profit organization providing public and private sector officials in over 100 developing nations with telecommunications and information technologies and communication training.

EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) Master of Arts, International Relations	Washington, DC May 2014
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- GPA: (b)(6) Concentrations: International Finance & Economics; Energy Resources & Environment
- Practicum: Creating an Adaptation Plan for Mexico City Urban Transport with World Resources Institute – EMBARQ

Kenyon College Bachelor of Arts; Political Science	Gambier, OH May 2008
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