

## ANNE KNAPKE

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **THE BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION** • Washington, D.C.

*Senior Program Officer, Private Sector Partnerships, Nutrition*

*Nov. 2019 – present*

- Manage \$13 million+ in investments focused on new private sector innovations to increase affordability and accessibility of fortified, nutritious food products to vulnerable consumers in low-income countries
- Oversaw successful launch of first market test in partnership with private sector company in Nigeria, managing project team of 10
- Led private sector team strategy refresh process including a comprehensive portfolio & resourcing review

*Senior Program Officer, Global Policy and Advocacy, U.S. Government Relations*

*Aug. 2018 – Nov. 2019*

- Managed investments with grantee organizations focused on increasing and strengthening political support on issues that align with the foundation's priorities in the areas of education, economic mobility, and global health and development
- Advised foundation leadership on pertinent policy and political developments
- Developed new partnerships with U.S. agriculture groups to increase the prominence of global food security issues among a broader set of decisionmakers

#### **UNITED STATES SENATE, OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR AMY KLOBUCHAR** • Washington, D.C.

*Legislative Director*

*Jul. 2016 – Aug. 2018*

- Chief policy advisor for senior U.S. Senator and member of Senate Democratic Leadership
- Managed legislative operation: directly supervised team of 14, led development of legislative strategy, responsible for delivering legislative wins, maintained key constituent and stakeholder group relationships, managed constituent mail process, responsible for policy position messaging, managed personnel budget for legislative team
- Shepherded the passage and signing of the most bills of any Senate office in the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress
- Instituted new processes with DC policy team and in-state outreach team to increase communication, collaboration and coordination on delivering against the Senator's policy priorities

*Deputy Legislative Director*

*Oct. 2015 – Jul. 2016*

*Legislative Assistant for Agriculture, Energy & Environment*

*Jul. 2015 – Jul. 2016*

- Provided legislative counsel and political advice on agriculture, energy and environmental issues
- Drafted and shepherded passage of multiple bills within issue portfolio
- Managed the Senator's priorities during negotiations on farm bill reauthorization, food labeling legislation and comprehensive energy legislation, including managing relationships with diverse stakeholder groups

#### **FEEDING AMERICA** • Chicago, Illinois

*Advisor, Network Engagement*

*Aug. 2014 – Jun. 2015*

- Served as lead consultant on development & implementation of a theory of change strategy among a network of 20 food banks focused on a collective impact approach to improve community outcomes
- Developed behavior change communication materials to drive change management within the organization

#### **FUNDACION ALTERNATIVAS** • La Paz, Bolivia

*Consultant*

*Apr. 2014 – Oct. 2014*

- Advised organization on policy, communications and outreach strategies that ultimately produced the first municipal food & livelihoods policy signed into law in the region
- Wrote and published comprehensive report on building urban food policy

#### **THAI RESTORATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION** • Khon Kaen, Thailand

*Graduate Fellow (University of Chicago Pozen Human Rights Program)*

*Jun. 2013 – Sept. 2013*

- Managed a comprehensive community asset mapping project for a nonprofit organization working to combat sex trafficking in the Isaan region of Thailand

**CARE USA • Chicago, Illinois***Consultant*

Dec. 2012 – Jul. 2013

- Conducted strategy review for the food and agriculture corporate engagement team, including conducting and collating 40+ stakeholder interviews
- Advised process for re-scoping purpose statement and value proposition for strategic partnerships

**EZRA MULTI-SERVICE CENTER • Chicago, Illinois***Housing Counselor (social work field placement for MA graduate work)*

Sep. 2012 – Jun. 2013

- Case manager for 28 clients facing a multitude of challenges including access to housing, healthcare, childcare and job opportunities
- Worked with clients to negotiate and secure affordable housing and other supportive services
- Engaged in community organizing efforts on urban development and social justice issues

**NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION • Indianapolis, Indiana***Student Leadership Development Trainer*

2010 – 2015 (intermittently)

- Wrote diversity and inclusion curriculum for student leaders of youth educational organization
- Facilitated 20 leadership development retreats for student leadership teams focused on personal growth, strengths-based leadership, strategic thinking and communication skills
- Facilitated leadership development workshops for 200-500 high school students annually
- Mentored six new team members on facilitation techniques

**CARGILL • Washington, D.C. and Minneapolis, Minnesota***International Business and Policy Associate*

May 2009 – Jul. 2012

- Advised global businesses on relevant policy and regulation developments and trends in emerging markets
- Built advocacy strategies for business policy priorities and managed relationships with relevant agency officials, U.S. Congress, foreign dignitaries, business organizations and the NGO community (responsible for covering approximately 30% of global business footprint, including businesses in the United States, Asia-Pacific region, Russia, Ukraine and southern Africa)
- Worked with business teams to build profile and leadership on food security and sustainability issues, including establishment of the Business Council to End Global Hunger
- Managed and developed a global communications platform (“TradeWorks”) aimed at elevating the importance of trade issues to global food security

*Civic Engagement Coordinator*

Mar. 2007 – May 2009

- Created and administered global employee grassroots advocacy program, developed educational tools and positioning statements on global trade and agriculture issues, and organized a cross-functional, company-wide advisory team

**EDUCATION****THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO • Chicago, Illinois**

- Master of Public Policy, Harris School of Public Policy 2012 – 2015
- Master of Arts, School of Social Service Administration 2012 – 2015

**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY • Columbus, Ohio**

- Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and International Relations 2001 – 2005

**LEADERSHIP AND OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

- Center for Policy Entrepreneurship Student Advisory Board, Harris School of Public Policy 2013 – 2015
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Policy & Political Persuasion Practicum, University of Chicago 2013 – 2015
- China Institute Fellow, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago 2014
- National Vice President, National FFA Organization 2003 – 2004