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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services**, Washington, D.C. May 2022 – Present
Health Insurance Specialist, Office of Legislation
- Plan and spearhead events and initiatives for the Administrator to communicate and build upon the policy agenda and goals of CMS, including with Members of Congress;
 - Review and analyze proposed policies regarding the Medicare, Medicaid, and private health insurance programs, and liaise with Congressional offices based on their related interests and concerns.
- U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)**, Washington, D.C. July 2019 – May 2022
Health Legislative Aide: Key staffer supporting the Senator on the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee and Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee
- Led the Senator's work on issues in the health, nutrition, LGBTQ+ and poverty portfolios;
 - Identified and proposed opportunities to build on the Senator's proactive agenda through successful legislation, appropriations requests, and oversight actions;
 - Engaged with state and national stakeholders and built coalitions to advance key issues;
 - Coordinated with outreach and communications teams on press and policy messaging.
- U.S. Senate GLASS Caucus**, Washington, D.C. January 2020 – April 2022
Co-Chair; formerly Treasurer
- Spearheaded initiatives and engaged the Senate community on LGBTQ+ and DEI issues;
 - Helped recruit and educate new members and allies, led the board, and planned professional development and community-building events.
- U.S. Senate HELP Committee**, Washington, D.C. September 2018 – June 2019
Stanford John Gardner Public Service Fellow: Health policy legislative staffer for Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-WA), supporting an active portfolio encompassing health insurance, drug pricing, FDA, mental health and substance use disorder, women's health, and health technology
- Engaged stakeholders and helped draft and negotiate bipartisan legislative packages; including surprise billing and drug pricing reform and an opioid crisis response measure;
 - Drafted Administration oversight letters, with several joined by all Committee Democrats;
 - Planned and executed hearings, wrote all-committee prep memos, and staffed the Senator.
- Stanford University Arbor Free Clinic**, Stanford, CA. September 2014 - May 2018
Clinic Manager and Health Insurance Enrollment Counselor
- Managed team of 100+ undergraduate and medical student volunteers;
 - Led expansion of social services referrals program, implementation of clinic quality metrics, and launch of LGBTQ+ patient health initiative;
 - Served for first 3 years as an insurance enrollment and community outreach specialist.
- Kaiser Family Foundation**, San Francisco, CA. June 2017 – November 2017
Research Fellow, Program on Health Reform and Private Insurance
- Analyzed insurer participation and premiums in Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplaces;
 - Co-authored expansive report that supported ongoing efforts to defend against ACA repeal.

EDUCATION

- Stanford University**, Stanford, CA Dual degrees conferred June 2018
Masters of Science in Management Science: concentration in Health Care Policy and Operations
Bachelor of Arts in Human Biology: concentration in Public Health and Health Policy