

CODY POMERANZ

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EDUCATION

Yale University, Bachelor of Arts, History

August 2011 – May 2015, New Haven, CT

- GPA: 3.84; *cum laude*

WORK EXPERIENCE

Democratic National Committee, *Director of Speechwriting*

October 2019 – present, Washington, DC

Democratic National Committee, *Speechwriter*

April 2017 – October 2019, Washington, DC

- Draft private and public remarks for DNC Chair Tom Perez, including speeches, [op-eds](#), memos, and talking points
- Work daily with Communications, Digital, Political, and Finance teams to develop messaging on critical policy issues
- Manage messaging approval process for DNC chair and train junior writers and communications associates

Fenway Strategies, *Speechwriter*

July 2020 – November 2020, Washington, DC

- Wrote speeches, jokes, and op-eds for Biden for President campaign surrogates, including comedians and Broadway stars

Team Tom, *Speechwriter*

Winter 2016/2017, Washington, DC

- Drafted private and public remarks for Secretary Tom Perez and DNC campaign surrogates, including speeches, [op-eds](#), talking points, debate preparation, video scripts, campaign emails, social media posts, and letters to DNC members

Center for American Progress, *Speechwriter*

February 2016 – April 2017, Washington, DC

- Drafted private and public remarks for CAP President Neera Tanden and CAP executive leadership, including speeches, [op-eds](#), talking points, policy memos, press releases, presentations, interviews, and letters to donors
- Worked with CAP policy teams and CAP Action on research and messaging for domestic and international policy issues

The White House, *Speechwriting Intern*

September 2015 – January 2016, Washington, DC

- Drafted President Obama's [remarks](#) honoring the World Champion U.S. National Women's Soccer Team; President Obama's [Facebook 'Note'](#) marking the fifth anniversary of repealing 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'; President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama's annual [Christmas address](#); and sections of President Obama's Medal of Freedom [remarks](#)
- Researched and copy edited public and private remarks for the President and the First Lady's speechwriters on a range of domestic and foreign policy issues; assisted a team of nine speechwriters through archival research and Lexis Nexis

The U.S. Department of Justice, *Speechwriting Intern to the Attorney General*

June 2014 – August 2014, Washington, DC

- Researched, drafted, and edited private and public remarks for U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder

Center for American Progress, *ThinkProgress War Room Intern*

June 2013 – August 2013, Washington, DC

- Researched and drafted press releases, policy memos/reports, and speeches on range of domestic and intl. policy issues

Obama for America, *Communications Intern*

June 2012 – August 2012, November 2012, Philadelphia, PA

- Wrote over 100 speeches, press call scripts, press conference remarks, policy memos, op-eds, statements, talking points, and Letters to the Editor for a range of surrogates including voters and local, state, and national politicians

Breakthrough Cincinnati, *Teacher*

Summer 2010, Summer 2011, Cincinnati, OH

- Taught high-potential, but underserved middle school students in an academic enrichment program

LEADERSHIP

Everybody Has a Story, *Creator and Host*

November 2012 – April 2015, New Haven, CT

- Founded biweekly video interview segment for *Yale Daily News*; chose guests, wrote questions, and produced segment
- Featured in national media, including The Huffington Post, LA Times, Funny or Die, and BusinessInsider
- Guests have included [Stephen Colbert](#), [Jay Carney](#), [Arianna Huffington](#), [Fareed Zakaria](#), [Nina Davuluri](#), [Amy Chua](#), and [Jimmy Carter](#), among many other [students](#), professors, and campus visitors

Queen City Classic Chess Tournament, *Co-founder and Student Coordinator*

Spring 2002 – present, Cincinnati, OH

- Co-founded annual tournament, which hosts over 700 K-12 students from thirteen different states

COMEDY, HONORS, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Named one of Washington, DC's "Top Shelf" [Performers of the Year](#) by Story District
- Performed at [The Kennedy Center](#), DC Improv, and in front of 1000+ audiences at [Lincoln Theatre](#)
- DC Improv [Pun Champion](#); Yale Last Comic Standing Selection (2012, 2013, 2014)
- Wrote jokes for SNL stars, Netflix stand-up comedians, and U.S. presidents
- Won 2013 TEDxYale; gave TED Talk on "[How Chess Can Revolutionize Learning](#)" to 500+ attendees/150,000+ online
- Named one of the "[26 Most Impressive Students at Yale](#)" in Business Insider; selected as 2013 Amy Rossborough Fellow