

- August 2004 - Jan. 2008 **Office of Congressman Robert Menendez (D-NJ-13), Chair of Democratic Caucus** **Legislative Assistant**
- Chief policy advisor and speechwriter for Congressman's Transportation and Infrastructure Committee issues, in addition to the environment, interior, and agriculture
  - Worked with Democratic Caucus leadership staff to advance caucus-wide goals; participated in Caucus activities including 2005 Issues Conference
  - Negotiated with T&I committee staff to win Floor acceptance of Pay-To-Play amendment for transportation bill
  - Worked with committee staff on successful amendment to increase Amtrak funding level and protect long-distance train routes
  - Identified Amtrak press opportunities that resulted in considerable local and national coverage for Congressman
  - Drafted bill on natural disaster warning systems that was incorporated into committee chair's omnibus legislation
- October 2003 - Aug. 2004 **Office of Senator Jon Corzine (D-NJ)** **AAAS/ACS Congressional Science Fellow**
- Worked on a variety of domestic policy issues, with an emphasis on environmental, transportation, science, technology, education, and energy issues. Performed duties expected of legislative assistant without specific committee responsibilities. 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 course and collaborated on review article and biomorganic research project
- 2000 - 2002 **Hamilton College, Clinton, NY** **Dreyfus Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow**
- Managed undergraduate computational research group of up to fourteen undergraduates; trained and mentored students in computational chemistry research projects; assisted students in preparing posters for national and regional scientific conferences; performed computational chemistry and biochemistry research, resulting in three peer-reviewed papers in chemistry journals; 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, resulting in two peer-reviewed papers, an invited book chapter, and an invited talk at a national ACS conference
  - Built a device to generate small unstable molecules under high vacuum and studied molecules using laser spectroscopy
  - Synthesized dipeptide for use in protein conformation project
  - Taught lab and discussion sections for honors introductory chemistry class
- 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
  - Topics included education reform, health and environmental issues, and alternative energy research. Report on local climatological conference broadcast on national NPR news

## Education

Ph.D. Physical Chemistry University of Wisconsin-Madison  
 B.S. Chemistry University of Massachusetts at Amherst

## Honors

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  
 Phi Beta Kappa, University of Massachusetts, 1994