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EDUCATION

University of Maryland, College Park

May 2022

Master of Public Policy, Focus: Environmental Policy

University of Cincinnati

May 2020

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science - Cum Laude

Minor in Environmental Analysis and Policy

Legal Studies Certificate

University Honor Student

Dean's List

WORK AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Energy Industry Analyst: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

May 2022-Present

Office of Energy Market Regulation, Division of Pipeline Regulation, Washington, D.C.

- Analyze filings made by the natural gas industry to ensure industry actions such as the construction of new infrastructure and ratemaking are compliant with federal laws such as the Natural Gas Act, the Natural Gas Policy Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act
- Expand division technical expertise through writing and presenting staff reports on topics such as the Inflation Reduction Act and the EPA Good Neighbor Plan
- Manage industry contacts to ensure compliance through meetings, conferences, and hearings
- Evaluate financial data to ensure rates charged by pipelines and natural gas storage facilities are just and reasonable
- Sharpen knowledge through participating in professional training sessions on topics such as: Vehicle to grid systems, transmission interconnection, screening tools for interconnection studies, and federal authority to regulate hydrogen under the Interstate Commerce Act
- Lead team data management by tracking team member case activity and progress in FERC's SharePoint database

Graduate Assistant: Research Mentorship & Student Engagement

August 2021-May 2022

School of Public Health University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland

- Mentored undergraduate students in their research projects by aiding in the selection of projects and the development of methods to accomplish research goals
- Planned and administered School of Public health events such as the annual Student Engagement Fair

Graduate Assistant: Advising & Admissions

March 2021-August 2021

Smith School of Business, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland

- Assisted with the admissions process by reviewing hundreds of applications for each Smith Minor program
- Lead communications to over 400 current and prospective Smith Minor's students by designing weekly newsletters, email, and social media postings

Graduate Student Advocate

October 2020-May 2022

Graduate Student Legal Aid Office, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland

- Met individually with graduate students charged with violating the Student Code of Conduct and advised on possible courses of action, based on thorough case analysis
- Prepared and facilitated the defense of students charged with violating the Code of Conduct

- Administrative duties such as conducting legal research, managing listserv and shared email account, creation and distribution of weekly newsletter, scheduling appointments, and acting as the first point of contact for all inquiries into the office's services

Teaching Assistant: Examining Pluralism in Public Policy

September 2020–May 2021

School of Public Policy, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland

- Managed 45 students remotely by serving as their first point of contact for all questions and concerns
- Assisted the professor in developing and delivering course materials concerning diverse, pluralistic democracy in the United States

Research Assistant: Center for Public Engagement with Science

May 2019–August 2019

University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio

- Collected, managed, and analyzed data using Microsoft Excel and Stata to assist in understanding the efficacy of citizen science in communities facing environmental injustices
- Communicated relevant scientific knowledge with the local community by coordinating engagement activities concerning fields such as astronomy, ecology, and public health

Study Abroad: Climate Change and International Institutions

December 2018–May 2019

- Completed an honors research course and study tour of Belgium and the Netherlands
- Assessed the impacts of biomass fuels in European Union energy policies through emissions comparisons and cost benefit analysis between member states

Intern: The Ohio Innocence Project

May 2018–August 2018

Ohio Innocence Project, Cincinnati, Ohio

- Worked with OIP professional staff to exonerate wrongly convicted clients through the examination of evidence, testimonials, and improper applications of the law

Professional Trainings/Courses: Vehicle to Grid Systems, Transmission Interconnection, Screening Tools for Interconnection Studies, Federal Authority to Regulate Hydrogen, Writing Government Technical Documents

SKILLS: Science communication and public affairs, policy analysis, technical writing, data visualization, Excel, Stata, legal analysis, environmental regulatory analysis, Adobe creative suite, and G Suite