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## Education

Cornell University

BS in Public Policy; Minor in Urban & Regional Studies

Ithaca, NY

May 2027

**Selected Coursework:** Multiple Regression Analysis, Causal Reasoning & Policy Evaluation, Research Methods

## Experience

Cornell University Labor Dynamics Institute

Ithaca, NY

*Research Assistant*

August 2024 – Present

- Assist the American Economic Association's (AEA) Data Editor in replicating forthcoming economic research.
- Assess the compliance of upcoming articles from eight economics journals with AEA's data accessibility and reproducibility standards.
- Replicate journal articles using STATA, R, MATLAB, and other statistical software to analyze data, debug issues, and verify authors' results for publication.

Cornell Policy Group

Ithaca, NY

*Domestic Policy Center Director*

May 2024 – Present

- Support policy analysts' work with research guidance, structured workflow, and edits on written deliverables.
- Manage CPG's websites, maintaining site upkeep and writing Jade, CSS, Javascript, and Jupyter Notebooks.
- Design and teach a pilot R workshop series to train analysts for a novel, forthcoming empirical project.

Cornell University Brooks School of Public Policy

Ithaca, NY

*Research Assistant*

March 2024 – Present

- Research housing policy for Maine People's Alliance under the Brooks School's Senior Associate Dean of Public Engagement, Dr. Jamila Michener.
- Produce literature reviews and policy analyses, synthesizing quantitative and qualitative data.
- Engage MPA membership with our research process through presentations and focus group discussions.

Office of Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes

Corona, CA

*District Office Intern*

June 2024 – August 2024

- Sort and channel office correspondence, answer constituent calls and inquiries, and fulfill certificate requests.
- Conduct district research, generate talking points, and draft official communications.
- Organize community events and coordinate with community leaders to set up resource booths and other service initiatives (e.g., teacher classroom supply drives).

Future Caucus

Washington, DC

*Policy Intern*

January 2024 – April 2024

- Tracked Future Caucus policies at the state and federal levels across 33 states.
- Generated fact-based talking points and one-pagers for nationwide network of over 1,800 young lawmakers.
- Compiled comprehensive demographical and legislative datasets on all state and federal lawmakers under 45.

## Publications

- Serna, E. (2023). Expanding High-Speed Rail in the Northeast to Reduce US Carbon Emissions. Cornell Policy Group Journal of Affairs, 1(20), 19–22.
- Serna, E. (2024, March 30). "Missing Middle Housing" Wasn't Always Missing. It's Time We Bring It Back. Cornell Policy Group.
- Serna, E. (2024). Establishing Public Campaign Support Programs to Diversify State Legislatures. Cornell Policy Group Journal of Affairs, 1(21), 24–26.

## Languages & Skills

- Languages: Spanish (native)
- Technical: STATA, R, Python, MATLAB, Jupyter, Git, LaTeX, HTML/CSS, Javascript, Canva
- Professional: Data Collection & Analysis, Legislative Tracking, Project Management, Cost-Benefit Analysis