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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

Office of Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes

District Office Intern

Corona, CA

June 2024 – Present

- 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; coordinate with community leaders to set up resource booths and other service initiatives (e.g., teacher classroom supply drives).

Cornell University Brooks School of Public Policy

Research Assistant

Ithaca, NY

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.

Cornell Policy Group

Domestic Policy Center Director

Ithaca, NY

May 2024 – Present

- Support policy analysts' work with research guidance and structured workflow.
- Provide edits on analysts' written deliverables (e.g., policy proposals and op-eds) according to CPG style guide.
- Manage center contributions to CPG's semesterly advocacy projects in tandem with community partners.

Future Caucus

Policy Intern

Washington, DC

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.

Projects

Alvord Unified School District Strategic Arts Plan Development

January – April 2023

- Developed a final strategic planning document outlining AUSD's arts education vision.
- Identified state and local legislation and funding to align AUSD's Strategic Arts Plan to CA educational codes.
- Devised language providing new arts administrator roles, vertical alignment, and professional development.

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, Git, LaTeX, Microsoft Office, Google Workspace, Canva, Procreate
- Professional: Data Collection & Analysis, Legislative Tracking, Project Management, Cost-Benefit Analysis