Elliott Serna

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Education

Cornell University   Ithaca, NY
BS in Public Policy; Minor in Urban & Regional Studies   May 2027

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

Activities: Cornell Policy Group, Cornell Data Journal, Brooks School Student Ambassador
Honors: Cornell Institute of Politics & Global Affairs Undergraduate Scholar, Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar

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