

# JUAN CARLOS URCIA BAREA

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I am a motivated, diligent analyst with a passion for macroeconomics, finance, and political economy. My current work at Moody's Investors Service focuses on sovereign credit risk for governments in Latin America. I previously served as policy advisor to U.S. Senator Ben Cardin in Washington, D.C. My skillset centers on economic and policy analysis, communication, and constantly learning.

## EDUCATION

### Princeton University

Master in Public Affairs | School of Public and International Affairs

Princeton, NJ

August 2020 to May 2022

### Brown University

Bachelor of Arts | History

Providence, RI

August 2013 to May 2017

## EMPLOYMENT

### Moody's Investors Service

Associate Analyst | Sovereign Risk Group

New York, NY

July 2022 to Present

- Portfolio of sovereign credits: Argentina, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama; Kenya; Bahamas; and MDBs: Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), IDB Invest, Fondo Latinoamericano de Reservas (FLAR).
- Conduct research and analysis of credit risk for portfolio issuers, focusing on economic, political, fiscal, and event risk factors by assisting lead analysts in credit rating monitoring and evaluation for rating committees.
- Assist in writing as well as data analysis and visualization for regular publications and research pieces.
- Collect, maintain, and analyze data on key economic and fiscal indicators through Excel and Haver Analytics.
- Interface and maintain relationships with government officials, investors, and clients, and have represented Moody's on calls, meetings, and as part of delegation visits to issuer countries and IMF annual meetings.

### U.S. Department of Commerce

Graduate Consultant | Office of the U.S. Secretary of Commerce

Princeton, NJ

August 2021 to January 2022

- Graduate capstone project to advise the Office of the Secretary on implementation of the CHIPS Act.
- Developed recommendations for the creation of the National Semiconductor Technology Center (NSTC) by researching and analyzing industry trends, interviewing leading firms, academics, and defense analysts.
- Independently created and designed the team's capstone report in Adobe InDesign.

### U.S. Department of the Treasury

Graduate Intern | Office of International Financial Markets

Washington, DC

May to August 2021

- Created a heatmap dashboard in Excel tracking macroeconomic and financial risk indicators across various advanced economies and emerging markets, pulling data from Haver Analytics.
- Drafted internal memos reviewing trends such as sovereign-bank debt nexus, housing market activity, credit and asset prices as indicators of bubbles, and sovereign dollar debt crises.

### U.S. Senator Benjamin L. Cardin

Legislative Correspondent

Staff Assistant

Washington, DC

July 2018 to July 2020

September 2017 to June 2018

- Assisted in writing and managing legislation, including the Government Employee Fair Treatment Act (P.L.116-1), which became law guaranteeing back-pay for furloughed workers during government shutdowns.
- Led office research and recommendations on the 2018-2019 35-day federal government shutdown and COVID-19 unemployment insurance and state fiscal relief legislative efforts as part of the CARES Act.
- Researched and wrote recommendation memos for bills, resolutions, nominations, Dear Colleague letters, constituent issues, breaking developments, and other action items for the Senator.
- Prepared and staffed the Senator for hearings and other developments before the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance and the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- Advised press team on policy issues and helped draft and edit press releases and statements.
- Wrote speeches, floor statements, and constituent responses on legislative efforts and political issues.
- Represented the Senator in meetings with stakeholders and political nominees.

## U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations

Intern | Ranking Member, Democratic Staff

Washington, DC

July to August 2016

- Researched and circulated press clips on Southeast Asia security and foreign aid issues.
- Helped prepare staff and members for committee hearings, meetings, and external events.

## U.S. Representative David N. Cicilline

Intern | Pawtucket District Office

Pawtucket, RI

May to July 2016

- Managed busy front office, supervised 10 events in the district, and logged constituent correspondence.
- Created an Excel database for major government and elected officials in Rhode Island for internal office use.

## The Walt Disney Company

Intern | Corporate Strategy and Business Development

Burbank, CA

June to August 2015

- Conducted a financial analysis of a merger between two telecommunications firms.
- Collaborated on group research and slide deck on the “smart” ad tech industry landscape.

## VOLUNTEERING AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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**Instituto Cervantes** | Member and Student (2023-Present)

- Study the Spanish language and participate in Spanish and Latin American cultural events and activities.

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** | SPIA Chapter Co-Lead and Volunteer (2021-2022)

- Provided weekly tax filing services to low-income and disadvantaged residents of Mercer County, New Jersey.

**SPIA First Generation and Low-Income (FLI) Students** | Co-Lead and Co-Founder (2020-2022)

- Hosted FLI alumni for career talks and collaborate with university on programming for FLI students.

**The Julis-Rabinowitz Center for Public Policy and Finance** | Graduate Associate (2020-2022)

- Engaged in seminars on financial policy and economic history led by faculty and visiting experts.

**Congressional Hispanic Staff Association (CHSA)** | Alumnus (2016-2020)

- Participated in career development, networking, and volunteering activities.

## LANGUAGES AND NATIONALITIES

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- **English:** Native/Fluent | **Spanish:** Advanced | **Japanese:** Novice
- **United States of America** (citizen) | **Spain** (citizen)

## RELEVANT GRADUATE COURSEWORK

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### Economics and Finance

*Microeconomics* – Professor Amy Craft

*Macroeconomics* – Professor Gregor Jarosch

*Public Economics* – Professor Henrik Kleven

*International Economics* – Professor Silvia Weyerbrock

*Financial Management* – Professor Adam Shrager

*Growth, Finance, Crises* – Professor Ashoka Mody

*Macroeconomic Ideas* – Professor Ashoka Mody

*Central Banking* – Professor Alan Blinder

*Global Supply Chains* – Professor Doyle Hodges

### Statistics

*Quantitative Analysis* – Professor David Lee

*Econometrics I* – Professor Jordan Matsudaira

*Econometrics II* – Professor Alexandre Mas

*Program & Policy Evaluation* – Professor Jean Grossman

### Politics

*Politics of Public Policy* – Professor Andrew Moravcsik

*Domestic Politics* – Professor Frances Lee

*The State* – Professor Philip Pettit

## SKILLS AND INTERESTS

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**Professional:** politics, economics, financial analysis, fiscal and debt metrics, statistical analysis, data visualization, graphic design, writing, editing, public speaking, event planning, customer service

**Software:** Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook); Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, InDesign); Econometric Analysis (Stata, R); Financial Research (Bloomberg Terminal, Haver Analytics, FactSet, Reuters); Programming (Python, Java, HTML/CSS); Communications (Slack, Signal, Zoom, Webex, Teams)

**Policy:** macroeconomics, fiscal and monetary policy, financial markets, banking, international affairs, globalization, poverty alleviation and social safety net, labor and unions, wealth and income inequality

**Interests:** photography, drawing, sudoku, computers, political and economic history, hiking, tennis, soccer