# JUAN CARLOS URCIA BAREA

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#### **EDUCATION**

Princeton University

Master in Public Affairs | School of Public and International Affairs

Princeton, NJ

August 2020 to May 2022

Brown University Providence, RI

Bachelor of Arts | History August 2013 to May 2017

### **EMPLOYMENT**

# Moody's Corporation

New York, NY

Ratings Associate | Sovereign Risk Group

July 2022 to Present

- Research and analyze credit risk of government issuers including Argentina, Costa Rica, Panama, Guatemala, Honduras, and Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), focusing on economics, finance, and politics.
- Develop and write research publications covering relevant credit developments, long format credit profiles, ad-hoc pieces and FAQs, and contribute to semi-annual outlook reports for frontier markets and MDBs.
- Communicate with government and MDB officials, investors, and other stakeholders to build relationships, coordinate on projects, gather information, and articulate company views on credit risk of rated entities.
- Elevated to serve as lead analyst for Honduras and Guatemala, with significant involvement following the two countries and leading research pieces, forming recommendations for senior staff and rating committees.
- Organized and participated in trips to IMF spring meetings, IADB meeting, and visits to issuer countries.
- Selected to help conduct initial research, analysis, and credit rating recommendation for a new sovereign; nominated to help lead ESG taskforce to assess and improve consistency of assigned scores.
- Collect, analyze, and visualize economic and financial data from Haver, Bloomberg, FactSet, and official sources, manage large databases, and employ analytical tools including Excel and proprietary software.
- Ensure compliance with regulatory and administrative requirements in regular operations, vital document retention, and recording of key information.

### **US Department of Commerce**

Princeton, NI

Graduate Consultant | Office of the US Secretary of Commerce

August 2021 to January 2022

- Graduate capstone project to advise the Office of the Secretary on implementation of the CHIPS Act and how to design and leverage the National Semiconductor Technology Center (NSTC).
- Researched industry trends; interviewed Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Intel, academics, researchers, and defense analysts to gather information; organized class trip to Phoenix, Arizona to learn from local economic development stakeholders on how the area is supporting the semiconductor industry.

### US Department of the Treasury

Washington, DC

Graduate Intern | Office of International Financial Markets

May to August 2021

- Created a large database and heatmap dashboard in Excel tracking macroeconomic and financial risk indicators across various advanced economies and emerging markets, using source data from Haver.
- Wrote and circulated internal memos researching and summarizing theoretical macro-financial concepts such as sovereign-bank debt risks, housing market trends, sovereign dollar debt crises, and credit bubbles.

### US Senator Benjamin L. Cardin

Washington, DC

Legislative Correspondent

July 2018 to July 2020 September 2017 to June 2018

Staff Assistant

- 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.

## US Senate Committee on Foreign Relations

Washington, DC

Intern | Ranking Member, Democratic Staff

July to August 2016

- Researched and circulated press clips on Southeast Asia security and foreign aid issues.
- Prepared briefing materials for staff and committee members for hearings, meetings, and events.

# US Representative David N. Cicilline

Pawtucket, RI

Intern | Pawtucket District Office

May to July 2016

- Managed busy front office, organized and supervised district events, 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

Burbank, CA

Intern | Corporate Strategy and Business Development

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**

**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

- English: Native/Fluent | Spanish: Advanced (C1) | Japanese: Elementary
- United States of America (citizen) | Spain (citizen)

#### **SKILLS AND INTERESTS**

**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