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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 focuses on sovereign risk for governments in Latin America. I previously served as policy advisor to U.S. Senator Ben Cardin in Washington, DC. 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 Corporation Ratings Associate Sovereign Risk Group	New York, NY July 2022 to Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research and analyze credit risk of government debt issuers including Argentina, Costa Rica, and Panama, and Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) focusing on macroeconomics, finance, and politics.• Elevated to serve as lead analyst for Honduras and Guatemala, organized team business trip to IMF spring meetings and IADB annual meetings, nominated to serve as team representative for internal project to streamline processes, and help lead internal ESG assessment task force.• Develop and write research publications covering relevant credit developments such as election results, government revenue strategies, and economic developments, and long-form (20 page) country profiles.• Support sector-wide projects including frontier market and multilateral development bank outlooks.• Collect, analyze, and visualize economic and financial data for sovereigns from Haver, Bloomberg, FactSet.• Interface directly with government officials, investors, and clients to represent our credit views on sovereigns.	
U.S. Department of Commerce Graduate Consultant Office of the U.S. Secretary of Commerce	Princeton, NJ August 2021 to January 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	
U.S. Department of the Treasury Graduate Intern Office of International Financial Markets	Washington, DC May to August 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	

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

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)

RELEVANT GRADUATE COURSEWORK

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

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