

# 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 centers 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 teamwork, and constantly learning.

## EDUCATION

<b>Princeton University</b> Master in Public Affairs   School of Public and International Affairs	Princeton, NJ August 2020 to May 2022
<b>Brown University</b> Bachelor of Arts   History	Providence, RI August 2013 to May 2017

## EMPLOYMENT

<b>Moody's Corporation</b> Senior Ratings Associate   Sovereign Risk Group Ratings Associate   Sovereign Risk Group	New York, NY November 2024 to Present July 2022 to October 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Analyze credit risk and manage ratings of issuers including Argentina, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Panama, Honduras, and Inter-American Development Bank focusing on macroeconomics, finance, and politics.</li><li>Write and contribute to research publications covering relevant credit developments as well as credit profiles and ad-hoc pieces, plus Multilateral Development Bank, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Global Sovereign Outlooks.</li><li>Communicate with government and MDB officials, investors, and stakeholders to maintain relationships, conduct research, and share assessments on credit profiles and developments.</li><li>Participate and help organize delegation trips to World Bank/IMF Meetings, IADB Annual Meeting, and annual visits to issuer countries including Bahamas, Panama, Cayman Islands, Guatemala, and Aruba.</li><li>Coauthored report on advanced economy sovereign debt issuance; assisted initial rating assessment of new frontier market sovereign; supported ESG taskforce to improve score consistency.</li><li>Utilize software including Excel, Bloomberg, Haver Analytics, FactSet, Cartis, and Copilot AI for quantitative analysis, constructing databases, and creating data visualizations.</li></ul>	
<b>US Department of Commerce</b> Graduate Consultant   Office of the US Secretary of Commerce	Princeton, NJ August 2021 to January 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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).</li><li>Researched industry trends; interviewed Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Intel, academics, researchers, and defense analysts to gather information; organized class trip to Phoenix, Arizona.</li></ul>	
<b>US Department of the Treasury</b> Graduate Intern   Office of International Financial Markets	Washington, DC May to August 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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 Analytics.</li><li>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.</li></ul>	
<b>US Senator Benjamin L. Cardin</b> Legislative Correspondent Staff Assistant	Washington, DC July 2018 to July 2020 September 2017 to June 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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.</li><li>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.</li><li>Researched and wrote recommendation memos for bills, resolutions, nominations, Dear Colleague letters, constituent issues, breaking developments, and other action items for the Senator.</li></ul>	

## US 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.
- Prepared briefing materials for staff and committee members for hearings, meetings, and events.

## US Representative David N. Cicilline

Intern | Pawtucket District Office

Pawtucket, RI

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

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.

## LANGUAGES AND NATIONALITIES

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- **English:** Native/Fluent | **Spanish:** Advanced (C1) | **Japanese:** Elementary
- **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, Copilot); Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, InDesign); Econometric Analysis (Stata, R); Financial Research (Bloomberg Terminal, Haver Analytics, FactSet); Programming (Python, Java, HTML/CSS); Communications (Slack, Signal, Zoom, Webex, Teams)

**Expertise:** macroeconomics, sovereign credit, fiscal policy, monetary policy, finance, capital markets, development, politics and international affairs, labor policy and unions

**Interests:** photography, drawing, computers, economics, politics, history, hiking, tennis, soccer