

Mike M. McMahon

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CAREER OBJECTIVE SUMMARY

I am a knowledgeable public policy advocate with a passion for working with diverse coalitions to create a more sustainable ecosystem in the Midwest. To support this career objective, I want to use my experience in stakeholder engagement, public policy, writing, project management, research, and public speaking.

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

2011- 2013

John F. Kennedy School of Government, Master of Public Policy

Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO

2003- 2007

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and Spanish (Graduated Summa Cum Laude)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Program Assistant – Northwestern University, Political Science Department

Present Evanston, IL

- Aid department chair, faculty, and staff in designing a 10-year strategic plan for creating a top-tier Political Science Department.

Skills: collaboration, data analysis, planning strategy, “best practices” research.

Campaign Assistant – Illinois State Representative Ann Williams

Fall 2015 Chicago, IL

- Helped develop effective messaging materials, particularly those related to environmental policy.
- Obtained signatures and educated voters about Rep. Williams’ reelection platform.

Skills: marketing, collaboration, political strategy, community outreach.

Public Policy Analyst – Illinois Citizens Utility Board (CUB)

2013-2015 Chicago, IL

- Represented CUB at meetings before government agencies, consumer advocacy organizations, utility companies, laypeople, NGOs, and research institutions.
- Proposed and analyzed state and federal energy policies including: energy efficiency, carbon emission regulations, renewable energy, smart grid, and electricity markets.
- Prepared grant proposals, policy analysis memos, guidebooks, and presentations.

Skills: outreach, coalition building, state/federal government processes, research, writing, public speaking.

Consultant and Policy Intern – CNT Energy (now Elevate Energy)

2012-2013 Chicago, IL

- Produced a research project analyzing low-income energy efficiency policies in Illinois and made policy recommendations based on best practices from Massachusetts.
- Researched energy policies to inform CNT advocacy strategy.
- Represented CNT policy initiatives before utility companies, state and local government, media, and partner NGOs.

Skills: diverse stakeholder engagement, independent research, writing, policy analysis.

Sustainability Fellow – Harvard University

2011-2013 Cambridge, MA

- Led a team of researchers aimed at redesigning Harvard’s sustainability plan and presented our recommendations to Harvard’s senior leadership.

Skills: leadership, public speaking, writing, research, outreach.

University Sustainability Consultant – DePaul University

Summer 2012 Chicago, IL

- Assisted the university in building sustainability curricula, policies, and training for faculty and staff in accordance with national sustainability rating system.
- Compiled “best practices” research for sustainability in higher education to inform DePaul policies.

Skills: program evaluation, collaborative research, policy design, organizational sustainability implementation.

Project Leader – Harvard Law and International Development Society

Fall 2011 Cambridge, MA

- Led research team in designing a litigation strategy for an international NGO aimed at preventing mining companies from exploiting peasant and indigenous communities in South America.

Skills: leadership, client management, collaborative research.

Fulbright Scholar – Spanish Fulbright Association**2007-2008 Madrid, Spain**

- Selected to present on the effects of climate change in the developing world at international development conference.
 - Produced research on the causes and effects of globalization in Spain.
- Skills:** collaborative research, public speaking, Spanish language, writing.

LANGUAGE & TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

- Fluent in Spanish (written and spoken).
- Microsoft Office Suite, Microsoft Excel (advanced), STATA (novice), LexisNexis, Westlaw, Dreamweaver (novice).

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition**, CUB representative (2014-2015).
 - Coalition designed legislation and media campaign aimed at compliance with Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan regulation.
- **Illinois Energy Efficiency Stakeholder Advisory Group**, CUB representative (2013-2015).
- **National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates**, CUB representative (2013-2015).
- **Consumer Advocates of PJM States Coalition**, CUB representative (2013-2015).
- **Consumer Advocate Coalition of MISO States**, CUB representative (2013-2015).
- **RE-AMP Midwest Environmental Policy Network**, CUB representative (2013-2015).
- **DePaul University Sustainability Task Force**, staff auditor (2011).
- **DePaul University El Salvador Service Immersion Trip**, senior staff leader (2010).
- **Casa de la Solidaridad El Salvador**, rural development researcher (2005).
 - Conducted home interviews and in-depth social analysis of a rural community's lack of potable water and affordable education.

AWARDS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Research published in **Harvard Kennedy School Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government Associate Working Paper Series** (2013).
- **Harvard Kennedy School Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government Research Award** (2013).
- Research credited in **Harvard Center for Press and Politics Discussion Paper Series**, *Stories of Climate Change: Competing Narratives, the Media, and U.S. Public Opinion 2001-2010*, research assistant (2012).
- **Harvard Kennedy School Dubin Emerging Leaders Summer Fellow** (Summer 2012).
- **Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society** (2006).

Professional References Available Upon Request