

Parker Griffith

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Experience

Detroit City Council

District 4 Policy Analyst

Detroit, MI

Sep. 2023 – Present

- Refined and established operational processes for the Policy Analyst role, improving existing procedures, training programs, and internal guidance
- Tracked and analyzed the Detroit Police Department's new facial recognition policy, focusing on ethical implications and community impact
- Prepare Councilmember for standing and formal committees by reviewing and summarizing legal reports, ordinances, memos, and more to provide comprehensive summaries and recommendations

Economic Justice Alliance of Michigan

Fellow

Detroit, MI

Mar. 2023 – Dec. 2023

- Nine-month program designed to develop civic engagement and leadership skills to create community power and advance change
- Performed a 25-hour practicum for the Center for Community Based Enterprise, an organization that develops worker-based cooperatives in Michigan
- Participate in field learning opportunities across Michigan to learn about economic issues through presentations and meetings with community leaders

Local Initiatives Support Corporation Detroit (LISC)

Intern

Detroit, MI

Oct. 2022 – Jun. 2023

- Performed research for LISC Detroit's Economic Development and Housing teams, including analysis and recommendations for the Small Business Lending and Detroit Housing for Future Fund
- Developed presentation for LISC staff to improve understanding of community land trusts
- Developed LISC Detroit's three-year strategic plan

National Council of Jewish Women MI

Outreach Coordinator

Detroit, MI

Feb. 2022 – Aug. 2022

- Managed communications with 36 partners, recruiting 10 new members for the Courts Matter Coalition

Wayne State University

Senior Resident Advisor

Detroit, MI

Aug. 2021 – May 2023

- Promoted to Senior RA, earned Veteran of the Year for leadership, ran team meetings, and supported RA training and recruitment

Resident Advisor

Aug. 2020 – May 2023

- Developed and implemented educational programming for on-campus residents, referred residents to resources, and promoted resident success, resulting in the highest attended programs during the 2021-2022 school year
- Earned Rookie of the Year Award in winter 2021 for consistently contributing to RA team and connecting with residents on a personal level

Skills

- Exemplary leadership, public policy analysis, Salesforce, Microsoft Office, R statistical software, data analysis
- CDFI101 certified

Education

Wayne State University

BA in Political Science with Honors

Detroit, MI

Sep. 2019 – Dec. 2022

- Graduated *summa cum laude*
- Inducted into Phi Beta Kappa national honors society
- Took five graduate classes towards a Master of Public Administration degree via Accelerated Graduate Readiness Program, including courses in finance and policy analysis
- Presented senior honors thesis at 79th annual Midwestern Political Science Association Conference

University of Michigan, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

Public Policy and International Affairs (PPLA) Fellow

Ann Arbor, MI

June 2022 – July 2022

- Conducted a difference-in-differences regression analysis comparing employment rates of families with and without children before and after the implementation of the Earned Income Tax Credit, finding a 4.68% statistically significant increase in employment for families with children
- Summer fellowship including course work for: quantitative methods for public policy analysis, microeconomics, foreign relations, writing for policy analysis, and healthcare

Stanford University

Global Perspectives Intensive Study

Stanford, CA

June 2020 – Aug. 2020

- Completed two accredited summer intensive studies courses to heighten awareness of both national and global issues

Leadership

David D. Henry Award Finalist

Dec. 2022 – May 2023

- Selected as one of four finalists for the David D. Henry Award, a prestigious honor awarded to recent Wayne State University alumni who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and service while maintaining high academic achievement
- Recognized for contributions to Wayne State Housing, which included temporarily reducing the price of laundry, serving as a senior resident advisor, and helping to unionize the RA position on campus, which led to Wayne State's recognition of the position as employment

Eugene Applebaum Fellow

May 2021 – June 2021

- Personal, professional, leadership fellowship
- Consulted Kapstone ES, a Detroit-owned staffing firm, helping them navigate the labor shortage caused by Covid-19

Eagle Scout Award

Aug. 2011 – Jun. 2019

- Fundraised \$500 for and led a 451 person-hour project
- Renovated and beatified two large, previously unused rooms at Saline Church of Christ to serve as a youth area