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WORK & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

NATHALIE P. VOORHEES CENTER FOR NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

CHICAGO, IL

Research Specialist

Aug 2018 – Present

- Built an interactive site, the Calumet Reinvestment Mapping Tool (CRMT), with QGIS and Leaflet to support the Calumet Collaborative in putting underutilized sites across the region back into productive reuse
- Constructed a SQL database to expedite supply chain analysis for defense contracts within the Illinois Defense Network (IDN) as part of a \$2.4 million grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Defense

SB FRIEDMAN DEVELOPMENT ADVISORS

CHICAGO, IL

Graduate Intern (30 hours per week)

May 2019 – Aug 2019

- Completed East Garfield Park Housing Survey of over 900 structures and compiled findings to guide recommendations for using city-owned land to build affordable housing
- Parsed \$45 billion state infrastructure bill to identify potential funding sources for capital and operating improvements along a Metra commuter rail line

NEW YORK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (DANY)

NEW YORK, NY

Senior Policy and Planning Analyst

Jun 2016 – Aug 2018

- Conducted data analysis in R during formulation of Office's Farebeat Decline-to-Prosecute policy. Found that most defendants were low-risk and transit arrests rarely unearthed serious criminal activity. New guidelines prevented additional 8,000 cases a year from entering criminal justice system

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO – COLLEGE OF URBAN PLANNING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CHICAGO, IL

Master of Urban Planning and Policy

Aug 2018 – May 2020

- **Cumulative GPA:** 3.82 / 4.00
- **Relevant Coursework:**
 - Lead author of 31st Street Complete Streets Plan, spearheaded traffic crash analysis and recommended strategies along the corridor
 - Studied intersection of housing and transit with courses in development finance, urban transportation, and economic development
 - Visualized land use, zoning, and transportation data for Western/Ogden Industrial Corridor Modernization Plan. One of the main contributors to plan layout and design

BOSTON COLLEGE – MORRISSEY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

CHESTNUT HILL, MA

B.A. in Economics, Cum Laude

Sep 2012 – May 2016

- **Cumulative GPA:** 3.72 / 4.00
- **Relevant Coursework:**
 - Strengthened technical ability with courses in econometrics, linear algebra, and probability
 - Explored income and wealth inequality in the London School of Economics' General Course program

SKILLS

- **GIS, Data, and Visualization:** Esri ArcGIS, QGIS, R graphics and spatial packages, Adobe Creative Cloud
 - **Sample Work:** CRMT Tool ([Chicago Sun-Times](#) and [Site](#)), [Bike lane networks in the US](#), [SB 827 in New York City](#), [31st Street Complete Streets Plan](#), [Western/Ogden Industrial Corridor Plan](#), [Blue Island Community Profile](#)
- **Database Management:** Microsoft SQL Server, pgAdmin, MongoDB, Microsoft Access
- **Languages:** R, SQL, Python, HTML, CSS, JavaScript
- **Productivity and Business:** Microsoft Office suite, GitHub