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Selected Recent Professional Experience

Independent Contractor, Ambitious Consulting

Jan 2019 - Present

- Communications and organizing consultant, **Portland United for Change**
- Political Coalition Manager/Media Coordinator, **Let's Get Moving PAC**
- Lead Consultant, Campaign Manager for **Chris Smith for Metro Council**
- Political Director for **Sarah Iannarone for Portland Mayor** (through May Primary)
- Communications, coalition outreach for **Getting There Together Coalition**
- **Co-Founder**, Oregon Transportation Futures Project

Feb 2017 - Present

Communications Director, Wright Public Affairs

- Campaign Director, **Duncan for Metro**
- Held leadership positions managing field, communications, strategy, outreach, coalition support in successful campaigns supporting **2017 PPS Bond, 2018 Oregon City School Bond, 2019 PPS Teachers Levy Renewal, and 2020 PPS Bond Renewal**
- Managed ongoing communications for clients including **Gresham-Barlow School District, Oregon City School District** bond programs - newsletters, social media, website, press releases, photography

YIMBYtown 2022 - Co-Project Manager, Sightline Institute

Aug 2019 - May 2022

- Hosted fourth iteration of national conference of abundant housing advocates
- Managing staff and volunteers, overseeing program development, conference fundraising
- 330 attendees, 36 panels, covered overlapping housing justice initiatives

Campaign Manager, Fix Our Streets Portland, ProspectPDX

Jan - May 2016

- Oversaw campaign to raise \$64 million for PBOT, Vision Zero infrastructure projects
- First successful initiative for municipal revenue for transportation in 30 years

Outreach Coordinator, Next Up Oregon (Formerly Oregon Bus Project)

May 2014 - Oct 2015

Program Coordinator, The Street Trust (Formerly Bicycle Transportation Alliance)

Jul 2013 - Apr 2014

Community Engagement

Board President, Oregon Walks

Aug 2013 - May 2017

- Oversaw significant growth of organization's revenue through donor cultivation, grant writing, fundraising appeals, philanthropic development, bolstering of membership program
- Authored policy statements and testimony for positions on municipal, regional, statewide policy

Secretary and Board Vice President, Portland: Neighbors Welcome

Jul 2021 - Present

Chief Rabblouser, No More Freeways

Aug 2017 - Present

- Organizing community opposition to proposed \$1.4 Billion Rose Quarter Freeway Expansion
- Architect of campaign to submit public comment during Environmental Assessment, coordinating NEPA lawsuit challenges to October 2020 FHWA finding of no significant impact
- Earned media coverage in *New York Times*, *VICE Magazine*, *CityLab*, numerous local papers

Other Notable Strategic Communications, Media, Campaign Clients

Business for a Better Portland, Trillium Transit, Forum Law Group, Oregon Environmental Council, New Approach Oregon PAC, Portland Public Schools, Strategies 360, The Intertwine Alliance

Jan 2012 - Present

Education

Macalester College, Saint Paul MN

Sept 2006 -

Geography Major, Environmental Studies Minor, Urban Studies Concentration

May 2010

Recipient, Macalester's Dean of Students Award, "Honors students who live out the mission of the college, demonstrating a genuine love of the community through his/her service"