

Climate and energy policy analyst, advocate, and implementer with 10+ years of NGO and public sector experience. Skilled in communications, quantitative work, stakeholder engagement, research, policy development, and campaigns.

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency *Chicago, IL*

Climate Advisor Dec. 2023 – Present

- Advises Illinois EPA, the Office of the Governor, and other departments on climate and energy issues.
- Leads development and engagement on climate- and energy-related policies, legislation, programs, grants, research, and other projects, across agencies and in close coordination with the Office of the Governor.
- Analyzes and writes on climate and energy issues including briefs, positions, and communication materials.
- Communicates and manages relationships with key stakeholders and media on climate and energy issues.

Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) *Chicago, IL*

Senior Illinois Clean Energy Advocate Nov. 2021 – Dec. 2023

Illinois Clean Energy Advocate Nov. 2018 – Nov. 2021

- Led climate and energy advocacy and campaign strategy in Illinois on both legislative and regulatory issues; played a leading role in developing, passing, and implementing the 2021 Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA); led intervention in several cases at the Illinois Commerce Commission on electricity, grid, and gas issues.
- Researched, developed, and analyzed climate and energy policy, including on energy, transportation, buildings, equitable economic development and transition, and utility regulation and planning.
- Wrote and edited blogs, white papers, fact sheets, legislative language, and public and regulatory comments.
- Managed relationships with dozens of policymakers, regulators, community groups, businesses, and others.
- Engaged with media; made 40+ appearances including in the *Chicago Tribune* and *Chicago Sun-Times*.

Union of Concerned Scientists *Chicago, IL*

Midwest Outreach and Policy Advocate Oct. 2016 – Nov. 2018

- Led climate and energy strategy, organizing, and advocacy in Illinois and Michigan; supported passage of major clean energy bills in both states and protected climate funding in the 2017 federal budget.
- Organized, trained, and supported development of 150+ leaders, and managed stakeholder relationships.
- Engaged with media; secured 10+ earned media appearances; wrote advocacy materials.

Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 1 *Chicago, IL*

Public Policy Researcher May 2013 – Oct. 2016

- Developed strategy for and helped manage campaigns across six Midwest states, including Illinois and Michigan; secured multiple legislative, organizing and contract victories.
- Researched policy issues including labor, finance, and environmental; wrote analysis and communications.
- Founded environmental justice committee; joined and represented the union in two environmental coalitions.

Dykema *Lansing, MI*

Government Policy Intern

Jan. – May 2009

Michigan Public Service Commission *Lansing, MI*

Student Assistant

Aug. 2005 – Sept. 2008

Office of Governor Jennifer Granholm *Lansing, MI*

Intern

Aug. 2003 – May 2004

EDUCATION

Northwestern University

M.A. Public Policy and Administration

2014

- Distinguished Thesis Award, “Externalities, Bias, and Mobilization: Challenges in Climate Policy and Politics”

Michigan State University

B.A. Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy

2010

Hilary Scott-Ogunrinde

Hilary.Scott-Ogunrinde@Illinois.gov

Summary

Hilary serves as the Deputy Director of the Office of Energy and Utility for Illinois and will serve as the State's business contact for this project. She has C-Level corporate knowledge with grassroots organizing skills to develop strategic partnerships that create environmental, economic, and social return on investment. Her expertise at identifying and operationalizing best practices, evaluating market trends, and customer needs will be extremely beneficial to the success of this project. Hilary also brings strong program and financial management, compliance, strategic planning, and presentation skills to the table, as well as motivational leadership that energizes teams and inspires cutting-edge performance with direct impact to achieve project goals and metrics.

Education

Saint Louis University

Masters in Health Administration | 2004

Xavier University of Louisiana

Bachelor of Science | 1997-2002

Training

Lewis & Clark Community College Solar Installation Certification

National American Board of Certified Energy Professionals (NABCEP) | Certification Pending

Professional Experience

State of Illinois

Deputy Director of the Office of Energy and Business Utility | Full-time | 2023-Present

- Develops strategies for promoting and developing energy and utility programs throughout the state, with particular focus on clean energy initiatives on behalf of the Director.
- Administers and directs programs with other state entities.
- Ensures all appropriate resources are delivered to clean energy and utility businesses to accomplish and meet program needs.
- Coordinates with Governor's Office and other state agencies to jointly apply and administer clean energy program and initiatives.
- Coordinates and provides direction to the Agency Director, Deputy Directors, division managers on environmental issues and the Broadband Development Deputy Director on energy and business utility initiatives that also impact broadband development.

- Ensure CEJA is implemented and administered with an equity focus and with involvement of community organizations and stakeholders.
- Attends meetings and conferences throughout Illinois to discuss CEJA, engage with stakeholders and represent the agency and the Director at speaking events.
- Liaisons and engages with all state agencies on regulatory efforts that effect Illinois competitiveness and clean energy initiatives.
- Research federal funding opportunities and suggests and assists in applying for federal awards.
- Determines agency policy on issues affecting energy and utility programs administered by the Department and the State.
- Reviews proposed legislation and assists in drafting and approving administrative rules for codification.
- Ensures that all energy and utility program legislation serves the best interest of the State of Illinois by conducting extensive review and analysis of proposed legislation and presenting legislative analysis to the Director.

NexGen Industries

President | Full-time | 2019 - 2023

- Design, source, and construction manage energy efficiency/renewable energy projects for municipalities, educational institutions, hospitals, not-for-profits, community development organizations, developers, and corporations.
- Maintain reputation as clean energy industry expert and navigational coach: awareness of industry trends, activities, establish employer or sectoral partnerships, financing structures and relationships, etc.
- Develop and manage team of professionals to develop architectural and engineering plans, create RFPs and RFQs for clients to complete desired project.
- M/W/DBE contract compliance, prevailing wage, HUD, Diversity & Inclusion training, and compliance.
- Guide and support client with project scope development, RFP solicitation and selection, project implementation, workforce/business enterprise facilitation and monitoring according to Title IX and local project goals/legislation.
- Develop and implement strategies that support client's efforts to achieve environmental, economic, and social impact goals, contractor and workforce participation, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and security commissioning goals.
- Conducts research, submit, oversee the development and maintenance of grants: draft scopes of work, procedure manuals, technical assistance materials, develop budgets, review grant activities and expenditures, and evaluate outcomes.
- Project management: manage team of professionals responsible for energy efficiency design, site preparation, MEP (mechanical, electrical, and plumbing), general construction and capital sourcing.
- Identify, develop & facilitate capital sources to fund projects: bonds, tax credits, loans, grants, rebates, etc.

- Solicit clients to provide services related to real estate development, energy retrofit, new construction, and solar installation.
- Strategic planning and financial management.
- Negotiate Union Contracts, Energy Service Agreements, Performance Contract and the like.
- Develop, deliver, and facilitate presentations (pitch decks, data analysis, strategic planning, etc.) in a variety of settings and stakeholders: municipal council meeting, for/non-profit board meetings, townhalls, investors, legislators, etc.

Ranken Technical College

Adjunct Professor | 2020 - 2021

- Teach Career Success 101 according to syllabus.
- Evaluate students, reports grades and attendance in a timely manner.
- Identify and connect students to resources to support academic and social development.
- Develop, evaluate, and implement course rubrics.

Various Professional Positions including business consulting, administrative and executive management roles | 1992 – 2011

Appointments

Leader In Clean Tech Fellow | Clean Energy Business Network | 2023-Present

This unpaid, cohort help promising cleantech professionals from underrepresented communities tap into networking connections, positive exposure, and champion-building opportunities to realize their full potential for executive leadership.

President | NexGen Industries | 2019 - 2023

This is a paid, full-time professional role (further description detailed above)

Executive Secretary, Board Member | Macedonia Development Corporation (MDC) | 2004 - 2023

This is an unpaid, part-time volunteer position.

Various Appointments *in similar organizations promoting social justice initiatives in relation to resource distribution* 2004 – 2014

Chris Meister

Illinois Finance Authority/Climate Bank Executive Director
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WORK EXPERIENCE

Illinois Finance Authority/Climate Bank (“IFA/Climate Bank”) Chicago, IL 2007 – Present

- Statutory purposes are to: (1) combat climate change through finance; (2) promote a vigorous growing Illinois economy to protect against involuntary unemployment; (3) reduce the costs of indebtedness to taxpayers and residents; and (4) otherwise enhance their quality of life.
- Supports operations by fees charged in connection with the issuance of tax-exempt bonds as well as interest revenue from loans, investments and federal grants (but not from State appropriations).
- Tax-exempt bonds pose no financial risk to the State or IFA/Climate Bank and are interest earnings are generally exempt from federal income tax for investors. Tax-exempt bonds are issued by IFA/Climate Bank to fund projects by conduit borrowers across various economic sectors. IFA/Climate Bank has an outstanding conduit debt portfolio of \$23+ billion.

Executive Director/Deputy Director/General Counsel. Notable collective accomplishments include:

- **Climate Bank Impact:** In 2022-2023, IFA/Climate Bank mobilized approximately \$627 million in private capital for climate finance projects, 54% of which are in or benefit low-income and disadvantaged communities (unaudited).
- **New Federal Funding:** Submitted/participated in nine federal funding applications/awards. To date, received \$60 million in federal funding awards, with more anticipated. IFA/Climate Bank has held nine public stakeholder engagement sessions in connection with federal funding. IFA/Climate Bank reports monthly on its activities and publishes summaries online.
- **IFA PACE Program:** For the benefit of a statewide, open market, in 2022 organized the formation of the C-PACE Open Market Initiative, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation and component unit of IFA/Climate Bank, to administer the nonpartisan, nonpolitical Illinois Finance Authority Property Assessed Clean Energy Program for counties and municipalities.
- **Clean Water Initiative:** Illinois Environmental Protection Agency State Revolving Fund Programs
 - o ‘AAA’-rated bonds (S&P/Fitch) with best execution from diverse transaction teams
 - 2020 & 2019 green-designated bond issues per Executive Order 2019-6.
- Created a solid financial foundation for the Climate Bank by exiting more than \$100 million of legacy risk to taxpayers and IFA/Climate Bank funds.
- Contributed to Public Act 102-662 (Climate & Equitable Jobs Act “CEJA”; 2021).

IL Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (“DCEO”) Springfield/Chicago, IL 2003 – 2007

Legislative Director/Associate General Counsel

- Illinois Film Tax Credit (2003)

Law Practice: Holland & Knight, Clausen Miller, Pavalon & Gifford

Chicago, IL 1995 – 2003

Associate Attorney

- local government practice; insurance (property) subrogation; plaintiff’s personal injury

Illinois Supreme Court

Chicago, IL 1994 – 1995

Judicial Clerk, Honorable Mary Ann McMorrow

EDUCATION

Bar Admission:

No. 6226515, Illinois 1995

University of Illinois, College of Law, *Juris Doctor*

May 1994

DePaul University, College of Arts & Sciences, *Bachelor of Arts with Honors, History*

June 1987

NOTABLE PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

- *Member*, USEPA, Environmental Financial Advisory Board (“EFAB”)

2016-2022
(February 20, 2024)

HOLLY BIENEMAN
Illinois Department of Transportation
Director, Office of Planning & Programming

EXPERIENCE

- 2016–Current Illinois Department of Transportation Springfield, IL
Director – Office of Planning & Programming (9/15/20 – current)
- Oversight and coordination of the state’s policy, planning, and programming efforts.
 - Evaluates the Department’s opportunity for innovation in mobility and project delivery.
- Bureau Chief – Bureau of Planning (5/1/17- 9/14/20)*
Chief of the Metropolitan Planning Section – Bureau of Planning (4/1/16-4/30/17)
- 2007–2016 [Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning](#) Chicago, IL
Senior Program Analyst/Project Manager
- Project Manager of Surface Transportation Program-Local (STP-L) Active Program Management.
 - Project Manager of the regional [Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#).
 - Project Manager of [Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program](#)
- 2005-2007 McHenry County Council of Mayors Woodstock, IL
Planning Liaison
- Managed the Surface Transportation Program-Local.

EDUCATION

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- 2013-2014 Northwestern University Evanston, IL
- Masters of Public Policy and Administration
- 2002–2004 Northern Illinois University DeKalb, IL
- B.A., Political Science – Public Administration
 - Minor in Economics
- 1999-2002 Elgin Community College Elgin, IL
- A.A., General Studies/Paralegal

Darwin J. Burkhardt
Manager, Grant & Rebate Programs
Bureau of Air
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Springfield, Illinois

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Authored, awarded, and managed nearly 40 federal grants and the resulting projects totaling more than \$80 million, including project monitoring and recordkeeping and reporting, for federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grants from the Federal Highway Administration and Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for clean diesel engine, alternative fuel vehicle, and anti-idling projects for local governments, small businesses, corporations, school districts, marine operations, and rail companies in Illinois
- Managed Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust grants, Illinois Electric Vehicle Rebate Program, and the Illinois Alternate Fuels Rebate Program resulting in the implementation of clean, alternative fuels and vehicles and off-road equipment, including electric vehicles, school buses, transit buses, trucks, locomotives, and charging infrastructure, to reduce emissions in the transportation sector.
- Partnered with the federal and local governments, auto manufacturers, diesel engine manufacturers, utilities and related fuel companies, agriculture associations, and environmental organizations in conducting outreach on grant opportunities and effective measures in applying for federal and state grants and how to implement clean, alternative fuels and vehicles and fueling infrastructure to business and government fleets
- Speaker at several national and regional conferences on effective grant application strategies, grant writing, and current environment and energy priorities and initiatives as they relate to transportation, marketing, funding, and outreach programs
- Served on grant review and selection committees for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Energy for their competitive national grants involving clean vehicles, alternative fuels, and outreach programs
- Speaker/guest lecturer at Purdue University, the University of Illinois at Springfield, and DePaul University on environment, energy, and transportation issues, including effective strategies in being selected for federal grants

Chair, Chicago Area Clean Cities Coalition (1999-2014)

- Led a coalition of over 400 representatives from the auto manufacturers, electric and natural gas utilities, fuel distributors, conversion companies, fuel system manufacturers, fleet manager associations, federal, state, and local governments, and energy and environmental organizations
- Coalition acquired millions of dollars in federal funding for several projects involving the implementation of alternate fuel vehicles, clean fuels, vehicle refueling infrastructure, and training and outreach throughout the Chicago area with some projects occurring statewide
- Served as coalition representative at several U.S. Department of Energy national conferences and meetings involving national partners and stakeholders
- Assisted in developing marketing and policy strategies for the coalition
- Planned the logistics and agendas for several conferences, workshops, and seminars for industry representatives and fleet managers regarding vehicles, fuels, regulatory fleet programs, voluntary measures, and grants

Chair, Illinois Clean Diesel Workgroup and Co-Chair, Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative (2007-2013)

- Liaison with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to coordinate national partners, including engine manufacturers, diesel equipment manufacturers and distributors, fleet administrators, businesses, and governments to direct Midwest priorities and funding for clean diesel grant projects

Chair, Partners for Clean Air Coalition (2003-2010)

- Led a coalition of over 350 partners consisting of industry, governments, businesses, and environmental organizations to enact voluntary, non-regulatory measures to improve air quality in the Chicago area and in applying for and being awarded several CMAQ grants to support the coalition's mission

Committees

- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Transportation and Project Selection committees for federal diesel grants (2015-current)
- Electric Vehicle Advisory Council (2011 – 2014)
- Illinois Rural Affairs Council (2006-2009)
- Governor's Renewable Fuels Task Force (2004-2007)
- Chicago Area Infrastructure Network Program Grant Selection Committee (1999-2001)

PUBLICATIONS

- Authored and published several articles on clean alternative fuels and vehicles for national fleet, fuel, and trade association publications, including *Utility Fleet Management*, *Light & Medium Truck*, *Bobtail*, *LP/Gas*, and *U.S. Department of Energy Alternative Fuel News* focusing on potential impacts and opportunities for business and government fleets with regards to grants and available clean fuel and vehicle options, including how to best address fleet regulations from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Energy

HONORS/AWARDS

- **Lifetime Appreciation Award** from members of Chicago Area Clean Cities for leading the coalition while being recognized over several years as one of the top five performing Clean Cities coalitions in the country (2010)
- **Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative Award** from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for leading an effective coalition in acquiring several millions of dollars in grants for Illinois and the implementation of successful projects (2009)
- **National Partner Award** from U.S. Department of Energy at the 2003 National Clean Cities Conference in Palm Springs, California for dedication and service in promoting clean fuels and vehicles and success in acquiring federal grants in Illinois
- **Certificate of Recognition** from U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham for improving air quality and enhancing public awareness of alternate fuels and vehicles in the National Clean Cities Program (2002)

EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Springfield, Springfield, Illinois

Master's degree in Environment & Energy Planning, December 1996

Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana

Bachelor's degree in Physical Sciences, December 1987

Rory A. Davis, P.E.

Manager of the Regulatory Development Unit, Illinois EPA, Bureau of Air, Air Quality Planning Section

Experience

Environmental Engineer:

- Over 18 years experience with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Bureau of Air, Air Quality Planning Section.
- Skilled in technical writing, regulatory development, regulatory and statute interpretation, and communications with the public, regulated community, and federal agencies.
- Responsible for development of Illinois environmental regulations pertaining to air pollution control, including drafting and testifying on rule language, standards, work practices, and specifications.
- Responsible for writing technical support documents for the Illinois EPA in support of proposed environmental regulations.
- Responsible for research of appropriate air pollution control technologies for a range of industrial processes to achieve emissions reductions in order to improve air quality across Illinois.
- Responsible for managing a unit of engineers and specialists to compile emissions inventories for the State of Illinois for submittal to USEPA and for use in developing emissions reduction strategies for the state.
- Responsible for assisting the public and regulated community in the interpretation of current and proposed environmental regulations and their impact.
- Responsible for outreach to potentially affected stakeholders on proposed environmental regulation.
- Responsible for working with U.S. EPA to ensure state regulations satisfy federal mandates, including State Implementation Plans.
- Notable rulemakings include: Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR), the Mercury Rule, RACT rules for emissions volatile organic compounds and oxides of nitrogen, the Clean Air Visibility Rule (CAVR), Illinois rules for Consumer and Commercial Products, Illinois Architectural and Industrial Maintenance Coatings rules, standards for lead control from Illinois sources, and standards to meet National Ambient Air Quality Standards for SO₂, Ozone, Particulate Matter, and Lead.

Professional Registration

Licensed Professional Engineer, State of Illinois, 2011 to present : License No. 062.062512

Education

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (2001) - Illinois State University

Bachelor of Science in Computational Physics (2001) - Illinois State University

Master of Engineering – Environmental Engineering (2006) - University of Illinois – Chicago

BRIAN P. GRANAHAH – ACTING DIRECTOR, ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY

WORK EXPERIENCE

ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY

Acting Director, October 2022-Present

- Manages staff of 46 employees (and growing) for independent state agency featuring an ever-expanding portfolio of work, including energy procurement, large-scale renewable energy development, rooftop solar development, and supporting at-risk nuclear plant operation, while tasked with implementing myriad new requirements across equity, labor, consumer protection, low-income support, and cost-savings dimensions.
- Oversees the development of the IPA annual reports, electricity procurement plans, long-term renewable resources procurement plans, appropriations requests, legislative initiatives, strategic planning, and staffing and hiring planning.
- Oversaw development of and helped author the IPA's 2023 Policy Study, 2024 Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan, 2024 Annual Electricity Procurement Plan, and requirements for the IPA's procurement events used to facilitate the development of new utility-scale wind, utility-scale solar, and brownfield site photovoltaic projects.

Chief Legal Counsel, April 2014-September 2022

- Served as Chief Legal Counsel of independent state agency tasked with developing procurement plans and conducting procurement events to meet the energy, capacity, and renewable energy supply requirements of default service electric ratepayers in Illinois and for the procurement of renewable energy credits.
- Advised on the procurement of billions of dollars in block energy contracts procured by Agency on behalf of investor owned electric utilities and hundreds of millions of dollars of renewable energy contracts.
- Served as Agency's legislative liaison and primary point of contact for the Illinois General Assembly, including testimony on and negotiation over numerous energy proposals each session. Drafted numerous legislative proposals for the 102nd General Assembly, including renewable energy provisions of the Consumers & Climate First Act (SB 2896) and nuclear plant subsidy draft legislative language used by the Governor's Office in negotiations with Exelon (nuclear plant owner).
- Assisted with the development of three IPA Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plans and multiple annual electricity procurement plans, including primary authorship of statutory overview chapters and additional content.
- Served as the Agency's lead counsel in numerous docketed proceedings before state's public utilities commission, including around energy efficiency programs included in Agency procurement plans, block energy and capacity procurements, renewable energy programs and procurements, and low-income solar program incentive funding.

TUR PARTNERS LLC ("TUR")/THE SUSTAINABILITY EXCHANGE L3C ("TSE")

Vice President, 2013-2014

- Served as Vice President at former Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley's strategic advisory firm (Tur) while helping design, develop, and launch a low-profit, limited-liability startup company built to assist municipalities in the adoption of sustainable solutions in infrastructure (TSE) through the development of a best practice-sharing platform across municipal governments. Upon launch, moved into role as executive with new company.
- Oversaw development of solutions related to energy savings and clean energy adoption, one of four verticals within TSE's suite of sustainability solutions for participant municipalities.
- Advised on issues of law, finance, and operation in designing TSE financial model, operations model, and business plan.
- Worked with outside counsel to draft and develop legal agreements, including master professional services agreement between TSE and partner cities. Negotiated legal agreement terms and conditions with municipal corporate counsel.
- Reviewed and analyzed vendor proposals and infrastructure project specifications on behalf of select municipal partners.
- Served as TSE's liaison and primary point of contact with 50+ municipalities in tri-state region, regional mayors' councils, planning agencies, foundations, strategic partners, and other key stakeholders.

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

Legal/Policy Advisor to ICC Chairmen Manuel Flores and Doug Scott, 2010-2013

- Advised Chairman of Illinois' public utility commission on issues including: utility rate cases, energy efficiency plan and reconciliation filings, renewable energy procurement, infrastructure development, Illinois Power Agency procurement plans, Commission legislative positions and advocacy, analyses of proposed generation facilities, and other Commission business.
- Analyzed issues arising under the Public Utilities Act, Illinois Power Agency Act, Commission Administrative Rules, and other governing rules and statutes. Drafted and orally communicated analyses and recommendations for Chairman.

- Drafted language for Commission orders, reports, and official statements on matters including utility rate design and structure, energy efficiency plans, grid infrastructure policies, energy procurement, renewable energy credit and energy efficiency procurement, on-bill financing for energy efficient products, and coal-gasification generating facilities.

ENVIRONMENT ILLINOIS/ENVIRONMENT ILLINOIS RESEARCH & EDUCATION CENTER

***Clean Energy Advocate*, 2007-2010**

- Significant legislative advocacy experience in Illinois General Assembly and U.S. Congress, with particular focus on energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainability, and climate change solutions.
- Lead environmental advocate statewide on successful effort to create energy efficiency standards for natural gas utilities.
- Co-lead advocate statewide on successful effort to bring Illinois in line with the latest national model standards for energy efficiency in new homes (adopting the most recent International Energy Conservation Code).
- Intervened before Illinois Commerce Commission on energy efficiency and pipeline eminent domain cases.

SIDLEY AUSTIN LLP

***Associate Attorney—IP Litigation*, 2003-2006; *Summer Associate*, 2002**

- Winner of Sidley Austin’s 2004 Thomas H. Morsch Award for Pro Bono Achievement for work supporting residents of Cabrini-Green in lawsuit vs. the Chicago Housing Authority.
- Sole manager of all aspects of paper, electronic and forensic discovery in large trade secret misappropriation case featuring review of over 2 million pages of documents, 30-40 hard drive images, and thousands of gigabytes of files.
- Managed staff of one junior attorney, six to eight contract attorneys, and two legal assistants in connection with trade secret misappropriation case; sole responsibility for staff hiring, firing, delegation of work, monitoring of work, and reviews.

EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, New York

Juris Doctor, 2003

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA, Iowa City, Iowa

B.S. with Honors in Political Science, 1999

MISCELLANEOUS/LEADERSHIP

- Former Vice Chairman of the Board of the Directors of the Clean Energy States Alliance (“CESA”) (cesa.org), a bipartisan U.S. coalition of state energy organizations working together to advance the rapid expansion of clean energy technologies.
- Co-founder and Inaugural President of Illinois Environment Council’s Young Professionals Board (2009-2014), leading a team of 15-20 young professionals on fundraising, advocacy, and organizational support efforts.
- Former Board Member of the Illinois Environmental Council, the Illinois Environmental Council Education Fund, and Green Economy Chicago.

EXEMPLARY CONFERENCES/PRESENTATIONS

- Keynote speaker and panelist, *Energy Storage in Illinois & State Policy Perspectives Panel*, 2024 IEEE Electrical Energy Storage Application and Technologies Conference (EESAT), January 29, 2024 (San Diego, CA).
- Keynote Speaker, *The Illinois Experience*, 2023 DOE Office of Electricity Energy Storage Program Peer Review, October 25, 2023 (Santa Fe, NM).
- Panelist, *Growth Pathways for Accelerating U.S. Community Solar*, DG Development & Finance Forum 2023, October 10, 2023 (New York, NY).
- Presenter, *Energy Policy Panel*, Illinois Renewable Energy Conference, September 21, 2023.

- Panelist, *State & Utility Planning Processes*, OMS Resource Adequacy Summit 2.0, May 16, 2023 (St. Louis, MO).
- Panelist, *Support for the Existing Fleet: State & Federal Policies to Preserve Operating Reactors* hosted by the National Conference of State Legislatures' Nuclear Legislative Working Group, November 29, 2022 (New Orleans, LA).
- Moderator, *Advancing Clean Energy: The View from FERC* with FERC Commissioner Allison Clements, June 8, 2022, Clean Energy States Alliance Annual Meeting (Washington D.C.).
- Panelist, *Pathways to Successful Community Solar Program* webinar hosted by the Natural Resources Research Institute (March 16, 2022).
- Panelist, *What Can California Teach Illinois about Municipal Aggregation?*, Carbon-Free Chicago (Feb. 18, 2021).
- Panelist, *Clean Energy Workforce Development*, Clean Energy States Alliance webinar (June 3, 2020).
- Presenter, *Section 1-75(d-5) of the Illinois Power Agency Act and the Zero Emission Standard Procurement Plan*, U.S. Energy Bar Association (Nov. 1, 2017).
- Panelist, *Legislatures, Energy Offices, and Public Utilities Commissions: Roles, Jurisdictions, and Interactions*, Joint NCSL and NASEO National Conference (June 9, 2017) (San Antonio, TX).

ELIZABETH IRVIN

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EXPERIENCE

Illinois Department of Transportation

Deputy Director, Office of Planning and Programming (7/2022 – present)

- Leading implementation of sustainable initiatives, including National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program and Carbon Reduction Program

Union of Concerned Scientists

Senior Transportation Analyst (2/2020 – 6/2022)

- Led expansion of UCS work to advance equitable mobility, including technical analysis and coalition advocacy related to ridehailing and automated vehicle electrification, as well as sustainable implementation of federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

Center for Neighborhood Technology

Transportation Director (1/2019 – 2/2020)

- Led CNT's transportation activities, focusing on equity, affordability, and new mobility technologies

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Senior Transportation Planner (9/2017 – 12/2018)

Associate Transportation Planner (8/2015 - 9/2017)

- Led writing of the [Mobility](#) chapter for the region's long-range comprehensive plan
- Led implementation of the [Surface Transportation- Shared Fund](#)

Union of Concerned Scientists Clean Vehicles Program

Program and Outreach Associate (2/2011 - 8/2013)

- Outreach and administrative support for team focused on improving vehicle fuel efficiency and hybrid/electric vehicle adoption

EDUCATION

Master of City Planning Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2015)

Thesis: "Driving Down Emissions: Finding a Workable Plan for Meeting Massachusetts' Carbon Emission Targets for Passenger Vehicles"

Bachelor of Arts: English, Music Performance Williams College (2010)

Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

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Skills Summary

Leadership experience

Organization know-how

Collaboration talent

Problem-solving abilities

MS Office

ARC GIS

Education

Illinois State University-B.S. Agriculture Business

August 1995 - May 1998

Kankakee Community College-A.S Agriculture

August 1993- May 1995

Experience

Illinois Department of Agriculture

Ag Land + Water Resource Supervisor. February 2023-Present

- Supervise Bureau of Land and Water Resources 5 field staff throughout the state of Illinois.
- Serves as department USDA NRCS RCPP Grant Manager for federal programs within the bureau.

- Provides leadership, direction, and technical assistance to department staff, elected public officials, government agencies.
- Develops and implements programs to protect and conserve the State's Land and Water Resources including reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, conserve land + water resources.
- Develops, implements, and evaluates long-range management plans and strategies for land and water resources.
- Assists in the administration of land and water laws and policies including the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District Act and other related Acts.
- Verifies collected data from Department programs for reporting and tracking of accomplishments.
- Confers with managers across organizational lines on policy and program development.
- Serves as department representative for up to 19 local units of governments.
- Manage Illinois Partners for Conservation Program including program policy, guidelines and updating forms.
- Manage Bureau's Illinois Conservation Transect Survey Program.
- Led planning and implementation of the Illinois Conservation Cropping Seminars for years.
- Serves as a voting member for the IDOA at the USDA NRCS State Technical Committee.
- Serves as the voting member for IDOA at the Illinois State Plane Coordinate System Committee.
- Served on Illinois Forestry Development Council as voting delegate for the Department Director.
- Manage 370 acres of state property for crop production, including procurement for all inputs, labor, and marketing of sales.

Ag Land + Water Resource Specialist III. March 2008-February 2023

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- Served on Illinois Forestry Development Council as voting delegate for the Department Director.
- Manage 370 acres of state property for crop production, including procurement for all inputs, labor, and marketing of sales.

Ag Land + Water Resource Specialist II. February 2007- March 2008

- Reviewed and analyzed land and water protection and conservation projects completed by Local County Soil and Water Conservation Districts and private operators / landowners.

- Implemented goals and objectives of the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District Act.
- Provided leadership, development and training to District and other groups on watershed conservation planning, implementation, and reporting.
- Functioned as a liaison with Federal, State, and local government agencies.
- Managed 280 acres of state property, including procurement for all inputs, labor, and marketing of sales.

Ag Land + Water Resource Specialist I. February 2006- February 2007

- Gained familiarity with Soil and Water Conservation Districts high priority natural resource problem areas.
- Implemented goals and objectives of the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District Act.
- Provided assistance in the development and training to District and other groups on watershed conservation planning, implementation and reporting.
- Functioned as a liaison with Federal, State and local government agencies.

Meat + Poultry Inspector. November 2003- February 2006

- Antemortem + postmortem inspections of animals, poultry and carcasses.
- Performed inspection of state inspect + licensed slaughter and processing establishments
- Determine compliance of licensed establishments SPS, SSOP and HACCP plans and implementation.

Evergreen FS, Inc

Plant Manager / Seed Salesman. September 1996 – November 2003

- Manager of liquid lime operation at Lake Bloomington; Supervised 4 employees.
- Coordinated the schedules and dispatching of local trucking business.
- Served as the Seed Salesman and Assistant Plant Manager at the Danvers, Illinois location.
- Responsibilities include sales support, crop scouting, plant maintenance, chemical and fertilizer mixing and supervision of plant employees.

Illinois State University Agriculture Alumni Association

- Vice President 2005-2007
- President 2008-2009
- Past President 2010-2011
- Encouraged higher standards for teaching, research and service by the Department of Agriculture.
- Assisted with efforts to increase enrollment in Agriculture Department at ISU.
- Promoted and shared information with Alumni.

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SUMMARY

Passion for building a better world with clean energy, technology, and electric mobility. Over fourteen years' experience in both public and private clean energy sectors. Experience with renewables, power procurement, distributed generation, solar, batteries, and e-mobility. Bring a technical and commercial perspective to policy problems. Solid relationships within the clean energy and transportation electrification industry.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

State of Illinois, Chicago State Electric Vehicle Officer

April 22-current

- Appointed by Governor JB Pritzker and confirmed by Senate as State Electric Vehicle Officer to achieve Illinois' goal of one million electric vehicles (EV)s on the road by 2030.
- Advise Governor and his office on issues related to transportation electrification.
- Lead the development of a comprehensive data-driven Illinois EV plan in conjunction with external consultants and stakeholders to set priorities, goals, and outcomes for the state.
- Design and influence various EV and EV charging programs across Illinois while also providing technical and commercial expertise to various state agencies.
- Regularly speak with media and external agencies in to communicate the state's plan and position on electric vehicle related issues.
- Leading and setting up a team at the state to develop technical expertise and lead electric vehicle adoption and infrastructure deployment.

EVBox North America Inc., San Francisco Chicago Director, Head of Policy and Utility Programs, North America

April 18 – April 22

(EVBox, headquartered in Amsterdam, is the leading manufacturer of electric vehicle charging equipment and a provider of charging related software and services)

- Developed and implemented the policy and government affairs strategy and budget for North America.
- Engaged with global cross divisional business teams (product, commercial, operations, and sales) and provide subject matter expertise on regulatory, compliance, and market issues.
- Designated North American spokesperson for press and public speaking.
- Managed relationships and contracts with trade associations, federal lobbyist, and external consultants. key policy makers and legislators.
- Worked in tandem with product team in France and the Netherlands to help create products that met North American standards and satisfied technical requirements set by the federal government.

Sunrun Inc., San Francisco Director, Policy and Market Development

June 16 – April 18

(Sunrun is a provider of residential solar panels and home batteries)

- Led Sunrun's participation in various regulatory proceedings including rate design, energy storage, distributed generation planning, net energy metering, demand response, and various customer programs.
- Managed relationship and billables with attorney and lobbyist in California.
- Worked with cross divisional teams (product, external communications, rates, grid services) to provide subject matter expertise on policy developments and business impact.
- Enabled Sunrun to successfully benefit from new energy storage incentive programs by influencing program rules externally at the government agencies and guiding the team internally.

California Public Utilities Commission, San Francisco.
Senior Regulatory Analyst, Renewable Procurement Section

September 08 – June 16

- Independent management and policy development for California's wholesale renewable distributed generation programs.
- Designed new renewable energy programs from scratch.
- Developed the characteristics and procurement framework for a new capacity product ("flexible capacity") which California load serving entities still follow.
- Developed relevant FERC tariff with the California Independent System Operator.
- Evaluated and recommended approval for over 5000 MW of capacity contracts.
- Lead the development and implementation of strategic plan to meet authorized electricity needs pursuant to closure of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station in Southern California.

Third Wave Systems, Ahmedabad, India

January 03 – May 06

General Manager

- Supervised sales, administrative and marketing functions for Third wave Systems Pvt. Ltd, which retails, services and distributes computing and office automation products.
- Managed a staff of fifteen.

Wipro Infotech, Ahmedabad, India.

July 01 – November 02

Senior Marketing Executive

- Account management of key corporate accounts, developing relationships for long-term business growth with emphasis on Wipro's entry into new corporate accounts.

EDUCATION

University of California Los Angeles, California
Master of Public Policy

Symbiosis Center for Management and Human Resource Development, Pune, India
Master of Business Administration

Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow India
Bachelors (Mathematics)

Chad Phillips

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Chicago, IL

Professional Experience

Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity • *Chicago, Illinois*

Federal Policy Manager

August 2023 – Present

- On behalf of an agency with a most recent all funds budget of over \$3.6 billion and 500 employees, serve as the lead point of contact for federal affairs while tracking, supporting and prioritizing federal funding and policy advocacy opportunities for the state's key stakeholders and agency-led pursuits.
- Lead the agency's coordination and support of Innovate Illinois, a public-private coalition formed to drive a robust effort in securing unprecedented levels of federal funding made available by landmark legislation.
- Established, lead merit reviews for, and continue to manage a \$43.5 million program called the *Federal Grant Support Program* to provide matching funds to Illinois applicants pursuing competitive funding.

Office of U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth • *Belleville, Illinois*

Downstate Strategic Initiatives Coordinator

August 2021 – July 2023

- Coordinated the Congressionally Directed Spending selection process for Senator Duckworth, assisting her in securing \$211 million for Illinois projects in the FY22 Appropriations Bill and \$182 million in FY23.
- Led the Senator's whole-of-government efforts to address local sewage and drinking water infrastructure issues in Cahokia Heights, a historically underserved and financially challenged community. Within two years, collaborative efforts spearheaded by the Senator led to \$42.5 million in water infrastructure funding for the City and an additional \$1.7 million in direct relief for residents.
- Led and supported strategic initiatives as assigned, primarily involving internal coordination and outreach in Illinois focused around the Senator's committee assignments and role on the Environmental Justice Caucus.
- Developed, advanced, and led office outreach and principal visits achieving the Senator's strategic goals.

Metro-East Community Outreach Coordinator

March 2019 – August 2021

- Established and maintained relationships with organizations, elected officials, and stakeholders to identify key concerns and legislative priorities in assigned policy areas and Metro-East region.
- Selected, trained, and managed interns for the Senator's Internship Program in Belleville.
- Assisted constituents facing issues with federal agencies, including filing inquiries which has resulted in \$384,225 in benefits secured throughout tenure with the office.

Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee • *Belleville, Illinois*

Paid Canvass Director (Brendan Kelly for Congress)

July 2018 – November 2018

- Hired, trained, and managed 45 paid canvassers, in two separate locations, responsible for registering 1,738 voters and knocking on the doors of 29,495 voters on behalf of Democrats in Illinois' 12th district.
- Built and maintained relationships with leaders in labor, faith, political, and academic communities in the congressional district to ensure the recruitment of 117 qualified, new paid canvassers.

Office of U.S. Senator Dick Durbin • *Washington, D.C.*

Legislative Correspondent & Internship Coordinator

July 2015 – July 2018

- Prepared memos, talking points, and recommendations for Senator Durbin on assigned policy areas.
- Managed the organization of and provided recommendations of signature on appropriations requests.
- Trained and managed interns in Sen. Durbin's office and co-developed the Ed Greelegs Scholarship Program, which continues to provide a paid opportunity for applicants demonstrating financial need.

Education

University of Missouri - Columbia

Bachelor of Political Science | Bachelor of Psychology

Minor in Leadership & Public Service

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EXPERIENCE

JANUARY 2021 – To – CURRENT

BUREAU CHIEF, LAND & WATER RESOURCES, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- Supervising all aspects of the Bureau of Land and Water Resources.
- Managing day-to-day operations, duties and assignments.
- Administers the Partners for Conservation Fund and SWCD Grants-In-Aid programs under the auspice of the Soil & Water Conservation District Act.
- Administers the Farmland Protection Program under the auspice of the Illinois Farmland Preservation Act.
- Administers the Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreements under the auspice of the Renewable Energy Agriculture Impact Mitigation Act.
- Administers the Illinois Bees & Apiaries program under the auspice of the Illinois Bees and Apiaries Act.
- Administers the Mined Land Reclamation Program under the auspice of the Surface-Mined Land Conservation and Reclamation Acts of 1971 and 1980.

JANUARY 2019 – To – JANUARY 2021

ACTING BUREAU CHIEF, LAND & WATER RESOURCES, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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- Administered the Mined Land Reclamation Program under the auspice of the Surface-Mined Land Conservation and Reclamation Acts of 1971 and 1980.

JUNE 2018 – To – JANUARY 2019

LAND AND WATER RESOURCE SPECIALIST, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- Received and completed assignments of limited scope involving conservation, farmland protection and mined land reclamation programs and projects.
- Assisted the Department's administration of the Farmland Preservation Act (FPA).
- Organized, developed and executed long-range programs and annual work plans along with their associated projects within.
- Functioned as a liaison between the Bureau of Land & Water and other state agencies, federal agencies, Mined Land Reclamation employees and Advisory committees.
- Evaluated and analyzed agricultural impacts associated with state, federal and local agency programs affecting farmland.
- Provided technical advice on policy development concerning agricultural issues.
- Prepared detailed comment letters as part of the Farmland Preservation Act.
- Participated in the review and evaluation of regulations, working agreements, legislation and proposed changes that impacted land and water resources.

MAY 2015 – To – JUNE 2018

RESOURCE CONSERVATIONIST, SANGAMON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

- Participated in and led work teams to plan, develop and implement programs or policies for improving environmental habitats, wetlands, ground water or soil resources.
- Identified and implemented programs offered through the Farm Service Agency and the Natural Resource Conservation Service.
- Supervised the management, implementation, construction projects and final reports of federal, state and local grants.
- Gathered information from geographic information systems (GIS) databases or applications to form wildlife and land use recommendations.
- Advised land users such as landowners and land managers on plans, problems, or alternative conservation solutions.
- Developed and maintained working relationships with local government staff, board members, departments or external organizations.

MAY 2015 – To – NOVEMBER 2015

CONSERVATION RESOURCE SPECIALIST, ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

- Worked with Agency staff to identify strategic sensitive sites and conduct outreach to landowners in high priority conservation areas by means of sound science and available data.
- Initiated landowner outreach and one-on-one contact to actively target conservation practice implementation.
- Coordinated and established working relationships with local, state, and federal programs.
- Developed field specific project plans and cost estimates.
- Worked with private and public landowners to negotiate long term practice implementation and provide technical assistance where needed.
- Directed landowners to relevant program support and agency staff.

MAY 2014 – To – NOVEMBER 2014

HABITAT TEAM MEMBER, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

- Responsible for the Illinois Recreational Access Program (IRAP) sites statewide for identification and removal of invasive species.
- Provided private and public landowners management techniques to maintain quality wildlife habitat statewide.
- Educated landowners on invasive plant species identification along with management techniques.
- Promoted the IRAP program through public and landowner interaction and outreach.

JUNE 2007 – To – MAY 2014

WHITETAIL HABITAT SOLUTIONS, OWNER/OPERATOR

- Designed, developed and managed recreational hunting and row crop properties for absentee landowners.
- Managed, maintained and developed new and existing wildlife conservation plans using Federal, state and private resources i.e. (CRP, SAFE, WRP, CREP and NFWF).
- Managed and coordinated all aspects of agriculture production from initial planning of the crop rotation, selection of crops, procurement of herbicides and fungicides, planting, harvesting, and coordinating transportation of harvested crops to market.
- Conducted camera surveys, analyzed data, and identified the needs of each site-specific whitetail deer herd.
- Developed and maintained detailed records for each property.
- Scheduled and managed employees' daily tasks for each property.

MARCH 1999 – To – JUNE 1007

CORRECTIONAL OFFICER, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

- Performed security and custodial duties in a correctional center while supervising the movements, conduct, work, discipline, recreation and training of residents.
- Controlled residents from stations in cell houses, yards, towers, dormitories, dining halls, or on work details.
- Enforced rules of conduct, security and work standards with verbal admonishments and written reports.
- Enforced and maintained disciplinary, safety, sanitary, security and custodial measures.
- Stood guard in a tower armed with firearms.
- Patrolled yards, grounds cell house or corridors, dormitories and work areas.
- Assisted in searching for fugitives and their capture and return to the institution.
- Escorted individuals' groups of residents to work assignments.
- Acted as turnkey, guard on gates, and hall duty guard.
- Supervised visiting rooms and armory.
- Inspected quarters, facilities and work locations for unauthorized objects or materials, unsanitary conditions, fire hazards, safety hazards, and unsafe tools.
- Issued clothes, provisions, tools and other commodities to residents.
- Searched visitors and supervised residents during transfers to other correctional centers and to courts, being responsible for their safe arrival and/or return.

EDUCATION

AUGUST 1998

A.S., LINCOLN COLLEGE

Graduated with a 3.67 GPA, while playing baseball and working as a resident advisor.

JULY 2000

FIRE FIGHTER II, JOHN WOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

While taking a specialized class for fireman to obtain their Fire Fighter II state certification, I passed these courses with a 3.0 GPA.

SKILLS

- Leadership
- Problem-Solving

- Active Listening
- Communications

- Interpersonal
- Management

ACTIVITIES

- Served the Village of Ashland as a trustee for eight years (2015-2023).
 - Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer
 - Chairman of the Parks Committee
 - Co-Chair of the Streets Committee
- Served on the A-C Central Sports Boosters board as Vice President from 2013 to 2023.
- Coached boys' baseball for six years in little league, 8U, 10U and 12U age groups.
- Volunteered one year as the first "Boat Captain" for the A-C Central Bass Fishing team, which allowed them to fish in multiple tournaments.

Anthony Star

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Illinois Power Agency

Director

Senior Advisor and Planning and Procurement Bureau Chief

Chicago, IL

2013 – 2022

2022 – Present

- Managed the development of a Policy Study requested by the Illinois General Assembly on a proposed offshore wind project, a proposed high-voltage direct current transmission line, and energy storage procurement. The study included modeling of economic impacts, grid resilience, and emissions reductions.
- Oversaw the development of annual electricity procurement plans for eligible retail customers of ComEd, Ameren Illinois, and MidAmerican that have resulted in competitive procurements of \$9.6 billion of electricity supply.
- Developed Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plans to implement Renewable Portfolio Standard requirements enacted by the Future Energy Jobs Act and the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act.
- Managed the creation of the Adjustable Block Program to develop new distributed and community solar resources, and the Illinois Solar for All Program for solar for low-income households and communities. These programs have supported the development of over 1 Gigawatt of new solar in Illinois to date, with an additional 1.2 Gigawatts under development.
- Oversaw competitive procurements of Renewable Energy Credits from new utility-scale wind and solar projects, which have supported the development of 1 Gigawatt of projects to date, with an additional 2.5 Gigawatts MW of projects under development.
- Managed the development and implementation of the Zero Emissions Standard Plan and Carbon Mitigation Credit Procurement Plan to prevent the closure of five at-risk nuclear power plants.

Illinois Commerce Commission

Policy Advisor to Chairman Scott

Policy Advisor to Acting Chairman Flores

Chicago, IL

2011 – 2013

2010 – 2011

- Provided detailed analysis and advice for the Chairman on matters that came before the Commission. This included utility rate cases, Illinois Power Agency procurement plans, energy efficiency portfolio standard plans and reconciliations, utility tariff filings, consumer complaint cases, and other regulatory issues.
- Represented the Commission on the Mid-Atlantic Distributed Resources Initiative, Distributed Energy Financial Group Prepay Energy Working Group, National Action Plan on Demand Response: Estimation Tools and Methods Working Group, National Institute of Standards and Technology Smart Grid Interoperability Panel Implementation Methods Committee, as well as at conferences and workshops on smart grid, utility finance, and related matters.
- Facilitated Commission's Initiative on Plug-in Electric Vehicles; lead author of the Initiative Report.

Center for Neighborhood Technology

Director of Policy and Evaluation, CNT Energy

Assistant Manager, Community Energy Cooperative

Research/Outreach Associate

Chicago, IL

2007 – 2010

2000 – 2006

1996 – 2000

- Led policy analysis and advocacy activities related to real-time pricing, consumer issues regarding smart grid implementation, and development and implementation of energy efficiency programs.
- Conducted research, quantitative analysis, and risk assessments that lead to the development of the nation's first residential real-time pricing program and developed analytical tools for measuring energy use and bill impacts for real-time pricing customers.
- Managed staff and outside consultants working on energy planning, communications, and data analysis.
- Project development, management, and planning for start-up phase of a new organization dedicated to geographically targeted demand side management, energy efficiency, alternative generation, and community development efforts.

American Bar Association

Project Manager, Commission on College and University Legal Studies

Chicago, IL

1992 – 1995

- Administered faculty course development grant program; maintained Legal Studies syllabus clearinghouse; developed Public Education Division database; coordinated annual conference.
- Associate Editor, Focus on Law Studies; Editor, Language and Law: A Bibliographic Guide to Social Science Research in the U.S.A.

EDUCATION

University of Chicago

M.A., Social Sciences

B.A., American History

Chicago, IL

1996

1992

John DeRosa

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Energy

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History of designing and implementing new programs and marketing initiatives designed to achieve specific results, raise awareness and educate. Strong background in grant and project management.

Grant writing, budgeting, reporting, time allocation and project oversight, with 17 years experience.

Strong relationship-building skills and experience working collaboratively with partners and team members.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Manager/Policy Advisor, Office of Energy

Illinois EPA, Springfield, IL, January 2024-Present

Joined the Office of Energy team in January of 2024 bringing a strong background in financial, operating, and team leadership performance. Currently oversee three U.S. Department of Energy programs and two state funded programs focused on energy efficiency, planning and renewables.

- Oversee \$24 million in funding for the State of Illinois
- Work closely with partnering State agencies to create efficient and cost effective programs in Illinois
- Responsible for securing new funding opportunities and implementing new programs

Senior Director, Clean Air

American Lung Association, Springfield, IL, 2006–2023

- During 17 year period went from annual operating budget of \$200,000 to over \$2 million
- 17 years of experience in managing federal, state and private grants in multiple states
- Successfully implemented and completed over 30 grants
- Work closely with finance team to track grant expenditures on a monthly basis
- Manage projects in multiple states and regions around the United States.
- Played key role in expanding radon hotline from one state to multiple states
- Created and managed National Radon Store
- Oversaw 5 team members working on indoor and outdoor air quality projects
- Implemented project management software to help manage grants and deliverables

SKILLS

- Project development and management
- Financial planning, reporting and budgeting
- Problem solving
- Employee training and development
- Computer software and hardware
- Creative materials and web design
- Social media outreach and education

Hobbies and Interests

- Basketball, biking and hiking
- Youth sports and coaching
- Renewable energy and electric cars

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science
Illinois College, Jacksonville, IL
Environmental Biology