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Profile: Experienced professional with background in sustainability and urban planning. Dedicated and reliable multi-tasker, committed to quality. Skills include research, analysis, project and program management, writing and relationship building.

Education: **Ph. D. in Urban Planning**, May 2021. Columbia University.
Dissertation Topic: Value Capture at Hudson Yards
Sector specialization: Transport Finance Policy, Value, and Decision-Making
MS in Urban Planning, May 1992. Columbia University.
Sectors: Economic Development/Physical Planning
BA in Urban Design Studies, May 1990. New York University.
Minors: Political Science/Environmental Science.

Selected Experience:

Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, City of Stamford, Stamford, CT. August 2023 – Present.

- Tracks, documents and coordinates quarterly progress of internal actions required by Mayor's Climate Executive Order;
- Coordinates and significantly contributes to the City's Climate Action Plan;
- Works closely with internal bureaus, department managers and staff to initiate, track, highlight, and integrate sustainable practices, policies and initiatives;
- Oversees comprehensive approaches to climate actions including electric vehicle infrastructure, route optimization indicators, energy efficiency and other pilot programs;
- Monitors, participates, and contributes to state, regional, and national climate activities;
- Plans and executes community engagement events, presentations, and outreach;
- Developed, maintains and provides content to the Climate and Sustainability Webpage;
- Conducts research and prepares briefings on climate and sustainability issues.

Manager, Recruiting/Community Assistance: Northern NJ Field Office, 2020 US Census, US Department of Commerce. Nov 2019 – Nov 2020. (*Recruiting Assistant* Nov 2019 – June 2020)

- Planned and staffed more than 350 events resulting in the completion of thousands of 2020 Census questionnaires. Worked closely with local governments, elected officials and community organizations to raise awareness, schedule events and provide in person assistance via a team of census response representatives in Bergen and Passaic counties.
- Coordinated, reported to and participated in regional and statewide offices and initiatives.
- Managed and attended to all administrative duties associated with staff, including training, time and expenses, assignment schedules, goal setting, etc.
- Gave numerous presentations at community organizations, employment centers, educational institutes, etc. Assisted hundreds of job seekers with online applications.

National Science Foundation IGERT Fellow: “Solving Urbanization Challenges by Design,” Columbia University. June 2011 - May 2019.

- Participated as a competitively-selected, funded member of the NSF-sponsored Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) along with an interdisciplinary group of planners, engineers, architects. This included joint coursework, fieldwork, weekly meetings, presentations, events, individual research, group projects, etc.
- Researched and produced recommendations for the revitalization of Puerto Plata as part of an IGERT team hosted by the President of the Dominican Republic and the FunGlode Foundation. This included in-country fieldwork, tours, and interviews with public officials, non-profits, developers, citizens.

Research/Advocacy Intern: UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN SDSN). January 2015 – October 2015.

- Supported the work of the UN SDSN, its Thematic Group on Cities and its Sustainable Cities Initiative by writing case studies, concept notes and background briefings as well as contributing to dialogues on urbanization, transport, infrastructure, municipal policy.
- Managed the business of the UrbanSDG Campaign-a global multi-stakeholder group formed and committed to the enactment of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 11 – to “make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.” Coordinated and presented at numerous meetings and global events.
- Facilitated relationships with major groups such as the World Urban Campaign, UN Habitat, Pontifical Academy of Sciences, ICLEI, UCLG, NYC Office of Sustainability.

Ph.D. Student Affiliate: Center for Sustainable Urban Development (CSUD) - Earth Institute, Columbia University. 2011 - 2015.

- Conducted research and writing as needed on planning and policy issues including urban mobility and access, value capture, sustainable development indicators, pension fund investment in transport and infrastructure, and transport’s global impact and value.
- Provided research support for UN Habitat Global Report on Human Settlements, “The Economics of Urban Mobility. Selected for Short Term Study Exchange to the Omega Centre for Mega Projects, University College London. November 2013.

Assistant Director: University Transportation Research Center – USDOT Region 2, City University of New York. 2009 - 2011 & 1994-1992.

- Developed and administered UTRC’s Outreach Program including planning and coordination of all events such as Visiting Scholar Seminars, workshops, symposia,
- Worked closely with grantees and partners including UTRC Board, Agency Industry Council, consortium faculty and students, and numerous federal, state and local public agencies and organizations including NY City and State DOTs, PANYNJ, NYMTC, MTA.
- Wrote and produced quarterly newsletters, annual reports and project briefs,
- Researched transportation issues such as sustainability, rail manufacturing, transit equity.
- Represented UTRC at regional and national events. Hired, trained, supervised staff.