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EXPERIENCE

WORLD BANK GROUP

Washington, DC

Financial Officer (Strategy & Operations)

2021-Present

- Co-design and join missions to prospective clients, making presentations on WBG advisory and asset management services to central bank governors, CEOs, and senior staff, resulting in three new clients and hundreds of millions higher of AUM for the department.
- Draft briefs, speeches, and talking points for senior management, including the MDCFO and Treasurer, on topics related to asset management and advisory, capital markets, US appropriations, and executive events.
- Co-manage multi-donor trust fund to advance WBG advisory services in low-income and fragile countries
- Design and implement donor outreach strategies for additional funding, requiring collaboration across DFi, ECR, and CMUs and preparing senior management for high-level meetings.
- Coordinate World Bank initiative by writing briefs, talking points, and attending meetings and working groups to secure US securities law exemption from US Congress to market and sell IDA bonds in the US without onerous registration and reporting requirements, which will result in nearly \$700 million of lowering borrowing costs over five years.
- Leading coordination of department's working groups on reporting and communications, which resulted in two subgroups developing recommendations to management, a draft communications strategy, and a plan that identifies efficiencies in the investment reporting and market update processes.

Financial Officer (Relationship Management)

2019-2021

- Co-organized executive-level events for clients, including central banks, pension funds, and sovereign wealth funds, joining pre-panel calls and preparing for ad hoc client meetings.
- Drafted aide memoires that reviewed findings from onsite missions to public financial institutions, responded to prospective client requests for information, and prepared presentations focused on new client development.
- Supported various research projects, including equity portfolios in foreign reserves.

Consultant to Vice President & Treasurer

2017-2018

- Supported TRE's communication strategy, including managing publications and coordinating staff.
- Participated in senior leadership meetings, retreats, and on mission, coordinating across depts and VPUs.
- Drafted presentations and press releases related to IBRD and IDA investors and bond issuances, ensuring clear communication of World Bank's debt products while coordinating with LEG.
- Led, designed, and managed first-ever week-long event to highlight Treasury's business lines in MC Atrium.
- Initiated and managed first-ever LinkedIn account for TRE, growing to 30,000 followers.
- Overhauled treasury.worldbank.org and treintranet.worldbank.org, creating thousands of new views.

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Washington, DC

Senior Advisor, US Congressman Mike Honda (CA-17, Silicon Valley)

2012-2017

- Managed legislative portfolios, including foreign affairs, housing, finance, and government reform.
- Led communications and event coordination with Cabinet members for district events, connecting policy decisions with stakeholder engagement.
- Staffed Congressman on political and policy issues in both domestic and international contexts.

US SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Washington, DC

Administrative Specialist, Chairman John Kerry (MA)

2010-2011

US ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Washington, DC

Communications Assistant

2010

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

YALE UNIVERSITY **New Haven, CT**
Master of Business Administration (MBA) **2023**
• **Kerry Fellow**, John Kerry Initiative at the Jackson School for Global Affairs **2021-2022**

HARVARD UNIVERSITY **Cambridge, MA**
Network Fellow, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics **2014-2015**

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY **Washington, DC**
Master of Public Policy (MPP) **2013**

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA **Gainesville, FL**
Bachelor of Arts (BA), Philosophy & Political Science **2009**
• Graduated at age 19

Certifications

WBG Trust Fund Academy & Trust Fund Learning and Accreditation Program TLAP 2.0 **2022-2023**
World Bank & United Nations Safe and Secure Approaches in Field Environments (SSAFE) Training **2023**
Columbia Business School, Advancing Racial Equity, Certificate **2021**
Stanford University, Summer Institute of Political Psychology, Certificate **2012**

SELECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Founded and managed a million-dollar analyst program** with 70-plus participants from nearly 30 countries, creating a partnership with Girls Who Invest and liaising with BPS, LEG, and HR.
- **Led the creation of the first asset management and advisory-related press release processes**, including drafting and publishing the first releases for the department.
- **Supported onboarding of five central bank clients and trust fund beneficiaries** in low-income countries, helping create budgetary standards and review advisory goals.
- **Initiated and successfully pitched entries to industry groups**, resulting in awards showcasing TRE's work with financial institutions, client service, and public-private collaboration.
- **Led the creation of a comprehensive World Bank bonds database**, working across TRE, WFA and LEG, resulting in a highly viewed resource that enhanced transparency in WBG finances, engaged investors, and raised institutional awareness.
- **Initiated and led the publication of all press releases since 1947, a first for any World Bank VPU**, to project the history and brand of the VPU in the capital markets for over seven decades
- **Led the creation of a VPU-wide dashboard** to manage monthly and weekly reporting across 16 teams, improving operational transparency and decision-making—skills that align with MIGA's focus on effective management of risk.
- **Led the development of uniform hiring protocols for TRE and PEN**, including innovative recruitment strategies during TRE's recent reorganization, influencing over several years the hiring of over 60 term staff.
- **Served as Staff Association Delegate for two years**, representing nearly 1,000 colleagues in the Finance Partners on a range of issues, including optimizing work-life balance and diversity.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- [Has the pandemic fundamentally changed reserve management? Insights from 119 CBs](#) Worldbank.org
- [Two decades of investing in reserve managers: World Bank Treasury's RAMP](#) CentralBanking.com
- [From Evolution to Revolution: 10 Years of Green Bonds](#) Worldbank.org
- [The road to resilience: sharing technical knowledge on transport across borders](#) Worldbank.org
- [The Politics of Resignation Threatens Our Democracy](#) The Hill
- [Yale, it's time to rethink Eli Whitney](#) Yale Daily News