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EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology
Master of Business Administration, 4.0 GPA Expected 2028
- President of Evening MBA Finance Club

Florida State University
Master of Science, Urban and Regional Planning December 2015
Bachelor of Science, Political Science and International Affairs August 2013

EXPERIENCE

HDR Inc. Florida & Georgia
Project Manager / Senior Transportation Planner April 2018 – Present

- Lead **government relations, strategic communications, and stakeholder engagement** efforts for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Freight & Rail Office, ensuring transparent coordination across local governments, legislators, and the public.
- Serve as **primary liaison to state agencies (FDOT, Georgia DOT, and Tennessee DOT)**, managing complex infrastructure initiatives and aligning multimodal transportation policy with state and federal objectives.
- Manage **statewide policy and planning programs** influencing multimillion-dollar infrastructure investments, including the **Florida and Georgia State Rail Plans (budgets $750K–$1M),** the **National Highway Freight Program ($70M),** and the **Florida Rail Enterprise ($60M annually)**.
- Advise DOT leadership on **federal grant strategy**, securing discretionary funding, and developing a **federal grant management framework** to strengthen state competitiveness for USDOT and FRA programs.
- Spearhead **interagency collaboration and data-driven decision-making**, integrating technology and geospatial analytics to guide state infrastructure priorities and legislative briefings.
- Directed the **2019 Florida Statewide Truck Parking Study**, an inferential policy analysis that identified root causes of unauthorized parking and informed **over $100M in subsequent state investments,** recognized nationally as a model public-sector initiative.
- Co-authored the past two **Florida Freight Mobility and Trade Plan**, advancing freight efficiency and supply chain resilience across ports, rail, and highway systems.
- Manage internal and external **communications campaigns, proposals, and public engagement strategies**, including presentations for elected officials and public hearings.
- Supervise and mentor interdisciplinary teams across transportation, urban design, and environmental planning. Building internal capacity and fostering cross-office innovation.
- Serve as **Georgia Department of Transportation client manager**, overseeing project delivery and leading pursuits for contracts totaling **$30M+**.
- Recognized by the **ACEC Georgia Engineering Excellence Awards** for leadership in statewide infrastructure planning.
- Founded the **HDR Tallahassee Young Professionals group** and currently serve as **Communications Director for HDR's Hispanic Heritage Employee Resource Group**, advancing DEI initiatives and community engagement across regions.
- Lead an **internal business development initiative** to expand HDR's operations and policy partnerships into **Latin America**, promoting sustainable infrastructure collaboration and market diversification.

American Planning Association – Technology Division Remote
Social Media Chair 2017 – 2018

- Created the division's Social Media Policy and Provided monthly reports on performance.
- Managed the FB/Twitter/Instagram account. Traffic increased traffic by over 300% & followers by +200%

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Ecology & Environment, Inc. (now WSP) Tallahassee, Florida and Washington, D.C.
Planner August 2015 – October 2017

- Assistant manager to sub-contractors in Latin America working on submarine fiber optic projects
- Prepared technical reports and provided project assistance on military planning, environmental planning, and submarine fiber optic projects.
- Developed Project Management Plans, MS Project schedules and updated COGNOS and SharePoint.
- Visited project sites and translated client applications, regulatory documents and public outreach material.
- Coordinated with a team of specialized professionals to complete the Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessments and NEPA process for DoD and commercial energy clients (including acquisition, transportation and socio-economic impact analysis).
- Developed encroachment management plans (ex. RAICUZ), provided land use compatibility analysis, reviewed aircraft noise footprint studies, and coordinated with DoD and local officials.

Leon County Dept. of Development Support & Environmental Management Tallahassee, Florida
Assistant Planner January – June 2015

- Provided research on housing occupation, signage and communication towers zoning laws.
- Provided code compliance review, site plans and subdivision review, environmental permits review, map amendments, and review of concurrency documents and model outputs.

Florida Senate Committee on Transportation Tallahassee, Florida
Analyst January – May 2014

- Authored the 2014 State Transportation Facility Designation bill, which ended with a favorable vote count of 159 out of 160.
- Attended meetings with stakeholders and assisted Committee hearings.
- Provided ad hoc research and prepared memos for legislatures and stakeholders regarding various state transportation laws and regulations.

Florida Senator Elanor Sobel's Office Tallahassee, Florida
Legislative Intern January – May 2013

- Coordinated the bill sponsored by the Senate Committee on Children, Ethics and Elderly Affairs.
- Compiled historical literature on disadvantaged communities of the state and nations.
- Provided daily agenda binders, district news updates, and meeting summaries.

HONORS

- 2024 and 2025 Honor Society
- 2017 AICP STUDENT PROJECT AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTION OF PLANNING TO CONTEMPORARY ISSUES, AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION,
- 2016 INNOVATION AWARD, FLORIDA PLANNING AND ZONING ASSOCIATION
- 2015 TOP 10 FINALIST FOR THE LAGNIAPPE VILLAGE, HUD INNOVATION IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING STUDENT DESIGN AND PLANNING COMPETITION
- 2014 SCHOLARSHIP, FLORIDA PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION

LEADERSHIP, ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS

- ATLANTA MIDTOWN ROTARY CLUB, 2025
- HDR YOUNG PROFESSIONAL TALLAHASSEE OFFICE CHAPTER PRESIDENT, 2021- 2024
- TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD, 2020 – PRESENT
- URBAN LAND INSTITUTE, 2017 – 2021
- AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION (NATIONAL & FL CHAPTER), 2013 – 2019
- BEAUTIFY EARTH, 2020 – PRESENT
- BIG BROTHER BIG SISTER CLUB (DC), 2017 – 2018
- TOYS FOR TOTS (FSU-TALLAHASSEE), 2012
- HALLANDALE BEACH ROTARY CLUB, 2009 – 2018