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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Senior Fellow

2013-present

Senior Director of Environmental Strategy and Communications

Oversees CAP's conservation program, which focuses on the management of public lands, oceans, and natural resources. Develops policy ideas to accelerate the growth of clean energy, to ensure that taxpayers receive a fair share of revenue from energy and mineral extraction, and to improve the stewardship of American wildlife, waters, and lands.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Deputy Chief of Staff

2011 – 2012

Oversaw communications, congressional, intergovernmental, and external affairs strategy for the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) and Secretary Ken Salazar. With the Chief of Staff, ensured that Secretarial decisions and priorities were implemented at all levels of the Department, from Senate-confirmed leadership positions to the field.

Director of Communications

2010 – 2012

Served as the top communications officer for DOI and its bureaus, responsible for setting communications policy, overseeing national-level announcements, and supervising a team of fourteen public servants within the Office of Communications.

Deputy Director of Communications

2009 – 2010

U.S. SENATOR KEN SALAZAR

Communications Director

2008 – 2009

Managed a nimble communications team; served as primary on-the-record spokesperson and chief speechwriter for Senator Salazar.

Legislative Assistant, Speechwriter, Special Assistant

2005 – 2008

Served as military and veterans legislative assistant and was responsible for writing and advancing public lands legislation through the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

EDUCATION

POMONA COLLEGE, CLAREMONT, CA

Summa Cum Laude, May, 2004.