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EXPERIENCE

CITY OF BURLINGTON

Projects Coordinator, Mayor's Office

Burlington, VT

August 2013 - Present

- Serving as liaison with all City Department Heads to review and implement major City projects
- Coordinating cross-departmental issues related to the retirement system, housing policy, and other Mayoral initiatives
- Organized search processes for City's first Chief Innovation Officer and the next Chief of Police
- Supporting implementation effort for early childhood education pilot to improve City health and education outcomes

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Policy Advisor, Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes Office

Washington, DC

August 2012 – August 2013

- Advised on U.S. and international efforts to deprive the Assad regime in Syria of funding and other resources
- Briefed Treasury principals on sanctions policy and financial issues related to Lebanon, Syria, and Iran
- Wrote papers, including Congressional testimony, on Treasury policy positions and strategic decisions
- Interned at Treasury during the summer of 2011 analyzing the macroeconomic effects of the Syrian conflict

U.S. NAVY RESERVE

Lieutenant, Junior Grade

Washington, DC

July 2011 – Present

- Currently assigned as a reservist supporting the Afghanistan-Pakistan Task Force, part of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE FORCE (ISAF)

"Scopes" Analyst

Kabul and Kandahar, Afghanistan

Summer 2010

- Worked on an 8-member civilian team brought to Afghanistan by former U.S. Army General David Petraeus to assist with projects related to the Commander's Initiative Group work on development, governance, and counterinsurgency

COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS (CFR)

Defense Policy Research Associate

Washington, DC

2008-2010

- Managed a \$250,000 budget, drafted memos, and prepared briefs for Dr. Stephen Biddle on Iraq, Afghanistan, and the political development and evolving military methods of non-state armed groups like Hezbollah and the Taliban
- Coordinated Track II meetings between U.S. and Russian officials for CFR prior to President Obama's 2009 visit

A PLATE FOR ALL

Program Officer

Syria and Washington, DC

2009-2011

- Assisted an international NGO that provided \$40,000 in food aid to Iraqi refugees living in northeastern Syria by monitoring food distributions in Syria, fundraising in the United States, and interviewing refugees in Arabic

UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

Community Services Intern

Damascus, Syria

2007-2008

- Translated Arabic assessments for six months focused on Iraqi refugees' living situations in Syria

EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Kennedy School of Government, 2012

Cambridge, MA

Master in Public Policy (Political and Economic Development); thesis on economic sanctions received highest marks

WILLIAMS COLLEGE, Class of 2006

Williamstown, MA

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science & History, Middle East Studies concentration, 2005 Mead Scholar, *cum laude*

SERVICE & SKILLS

COMMUNITY SERVICE: VT Goat Collaborative Farm Volunteer; Champlain Housing Trust Board Member

AWARDS: 2013 Truman National Security Fellow; 2012 Harvard Kennedy School Teaching Award

LANGUAGE: Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic (MSA), Intermediate Syrian Colloquial Arabic

OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE: Lived or worked for extended periods in Syria, Egypt, Tunisia, and Afghanistan