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## EXPERIENCE

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### **City of Detroit – Detroit, MI**

**01/2019 – Present**

#### *Director of Digital Inclusion*

- Appointed Cabinet Member within the Mayor's Office directly reporting to the CIO
  - ✓ Responsible for developing and implementing the City of Detroit's first sustainable digital inclusion strategy
  - ✓ Functions as the broadband adoption subject matter expert for government, private, and community stakeholders
  - ✓ Builds relationships with banks and hospitals to identify CRA and broadband investment strategies
  - ✓ Manages the relationship with telecommunication providers and the community making deployment recommendations
  - ✓ Provides broadband adoption oversight to the Census 2020 efforts on the Data & Technology Committee

#### *Digital Inclusion Policy Fellow – University of Michigan*

- Shares an appointment at the University of Michigan's Ford School of Public Policy
  - ✓ Actively developing a statewide e-waste proposal to boost device adoption for underserved and unserved households
  - ✓ Coordinating with the State Government to implement a mobile cybersecurity solution for underserved residents

### **The Cleveland Foundation – Cleveland, OH**

**09/2017 – 02/2019**

#### *Digital Innovation Fellow*

- Reports directly to the Chief Digital Innovation Officer/CIO
  - ✓ Created a social impact rubric to decrease the probability of subpar investments for the Time Warner Neighborhood Technology Fund (valued at ~\$3MM)
  - ✓ Built a public-private partnership with anchor institutions to help amplify community investment
  - ✓ Developed and led Cleveland's first international arts exchange focusing on data visualization, civic tech and activism
  - ✓ Functioned as a local thought leader developing a bi-monthly civic technology convening to engage the community
  - ✓ Consulted with elected officials helping craft smart city and IoT engagement strategies
  - ✓ Led internal conversations on the use of emerging technologies (Blockchain) for social good
  - ✓ Managed the deployment of a public WI-FI network in a locally distressed community
  - ✓ Successfully led all planning and fundraising efforts for the 2018 Cleveland Net Inclusion Conference

### **Cleveland Foundation Public Service Fellowship – Cleveland, OH**

**09/2016 – Present**

#### *Public Service Fellow – Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA)*

- Selected out of 550 applicants:
  - ✓ Worked directly on ConnectHome – an Obama initiative aimed at broadband and technology adoption for residents
  - ✓ Supported the rollout of free internet fiber access for public housing residents in select properties
  - ✓ Developed and led all fundraising and planning for Cleveland's first Housing Hackathon
    - The project received national recognition by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

### **Urban Leaders Fellowship – Denver, CO**

**06/2016 – 08/2016**

#### *Urban Leader Fellow – Mental Health Center of Denver (MHCD) + Legislative Office of Senator Mike Johnston (D)*

- Selected from a pool of over 3500 applicants:
  - ✓ Engaged impoverished communities around sustainability through aquaponics and social innovation
  - ✓ Produced comprehensive policy recommendations in support of state-level immigration reform
  - ✓ Allocated time as project lead, ensuring all weekly deliverables were edited, completed, and sent to stakeholders

### **Overseas Private Investment Corporation – Washington, DC**

**08/2015 – 12/2015**

#### *Pathways Graduate Student Intern – Office of President Elizabeth Littlefield*

- Received and maintained a security clearance:
  - ✓ Utilized financial software to manage ~\$4.5Bn investment funds in Latin America
  - ✓ Drafted memos, briefing materials and talking points for the President and White House Staff
  - ✓ Communicated with foreign governments to gain additional intel used to boost investment confidence

### **UMC Mission/Chinese YMCA. – Nanjing, China**

**05/2015 – 08/2015**

#### *Global Justice Fellow*

- Learned basic Mandarin to complete the roll:
    - ✓ Consulted with the Chinese Government on Educational Innovation initiatives
    - ✓ Led a team of American and Chinese consultants through an integrative curriculum development model
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## EDUCATION

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### **Howard University – Graduate School of Political Science** **08/2014 – 05/2016**

- *Master's Degree: Public Policy and International Affairs*
  - ✓ Master's Thesis focused on developing and implementing a coffee-based free trade model in Sonora, Mexico
  - ✓ Compiled and presented a lengthy policy brief on E-Verify at the HU Scholar Symposium
  - ✓ Served as a Graduate Representative of the Howard University Graduate Student Assembly
  - ✓ Submitted a policy brief to the Federal Aviation Administration on behalf of residential drone access
  - ✓ Volunteered as a ProSidian Consulting Legislative & Public Policy Intern

### **Notre Dame College – Dept. of Arts & Humanities - South Euclid, OH** **08/2010 – 05/2014**

- *Bachelor's Degree: English and Spanish*
  - ✓ Quinlivan & Burke Scholarship for Excellence in English
  - ✓ Ohio For Independent Colleges (OFIC) Merit Scholarship recipient
  - ✓ 2x National Qualifier Men's Track & Field
  - ✓ Vice President of the Notre Dame Spanish Club
  - ✓ Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE) Study Abroad Student Ambassador

### **Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara – Guadalajara, Mexico** **08/2013 – 12/2013**

- College Consortium In International Study (CCIS)
  - ✓ Curriculum accredited by Montana State University
  - ✓ Study abroad semester – courses in Film Techniques, Statistics & Anthropology
  - ✓ “Tested out” of all Spanish learning courses
  - ✓ Enrolled in Latin Dance class while teaching basic Hip-Hop classes
  - ✓ Captain of the Men's Distance Team Practice for Track and Field

### **Universidad de Guanajuato – Guanajuato, Mexico** **06/2012 – 08/ 2012**

- Curriculum accredited by: Spelman College
  - ✓ Intensive Spanish Language Immersion Summer Program
  - ✓ Tested and placed into advanced Spanish grammar and conversation courses
  - ✓ Recipient of CIEE Gain Scholarship
  - ✓ Recipient of the Robert E. Bailey Scholarship

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- Serves as a Mobility and UX Advisor to the College of Creative Studies
  - Organizer of the inaugural 2019 Detroit Digital Inclusion Summit
  - Member of the MIT Sloan Venture Capital and Private Equity Club
  - Member of the World Economic Forum's Global Shaper Initiative
  - Member of the Project Management Institute (PMP Certified Organization)
  - Vice President of the Notre Dame College Alumni Board
    - ✓ Assist in development efforts and endowment management
  - Member of the Cleveland NAACP
  - Recognized by the Black Association Charitable Foundation as a 2018 Trendsetter for my work as a thought leader
  - Managed a city council campaign for Cleveland's Ward 7
  - Supported translation efforts in Tamaulipas, Mexico building homes on the US/Mexico border
  - Languages:
    - ✓ Native English
    - ✓ Professional Spanish (Bilingual)
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