

# Jason James Shedlock

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## **Education**

Master of Arts – Government – Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC – December 2006

Bachelor of Arts – Politics – The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC – December 2000

## **Relevant Employment**

### ***Regional Organizer: Laborers’ International Union, New England Region Organizing Fund***

Maine/New England

August 2019 - Present

- Conceive, plan and implement organizing strategies
- Serve as state lead on political and policy initiatives
- Engage in business and market share development
- Spearhead communications efforts for local union
- Craft and implement member recruitment and retention strategies

### ***President: Maine State Building & Construction Trades Council***

Maine

November 2021 - Present

- Serve as point person for building trades in Maine, representing 20 affiliates and over 6,000 workers in Maine
- Engage with development, contractor community to advance labor goals
- Serve as chief spokesperson and media liaison for the Council
- In partnership with the Secretary-Treasurer, develop and maintain Council budget
- Work with labor allies and community partners to develop and pass worker-friendly public policy
- Serve as Principal Officer for the Council-affiliated Building Solidarity PAC

### ***Executive Board Member and Trustee: Maine AFL-CIO***

Maine

September 2017 - Present

- Member, Political Committee
- Partner with leadership and staff to develop and implement organizing & legislative priorities
- Serve on hiring committee for Maine Labor Climate Council

### ***Executive Board Member and Trustee: Southern Maine Labor Council***

Maine

September 2019 - Present

- Member, Political Committee
- Advise and engage labor community and allies in southern Maine to build and grow the labor movement

### ***Executive Director: Maine State Building & Construction Trades Council***

Maine

August 2017 - August 2019

- Policy development, research, strategic planning and legislative drafting
- Manage and implement issue and legislative campaigns
- Interface with and educate developers, current and prospective contractors

- Develop and manage organizational budget
- Conceive and implement political (PAC) and voter education activities
- Manage all day-to-day operations of the organization
- Implement Building Pathways Maine Apprenticeship Readiness Program

***Special Assistant to the Mayor: Portland Mayor Ethan K. Strimling***

Portland, ME

April 2016 - August 2017

- Policy development, strategic planning, messaging and legislative drafting
- Constituent services, public engagement planning and implementation

***Deputy Director: Emergency Management Agency and Board of Health, Sagadahoc County***

Bath, ME

September 2014 - April 2016

- Grant writing and administration
- Volunteer and contractor management
- Maintained agency budgeting
- Responsible for all departmental external written communications

***Senior Communications Manager: Kemp Goldberg Partners***

Portland, ME

April 2013 - September 2013

- Agency's sole author for nearly 20 worldwide clients, including Fortune 500 companies
- Penned bylined articles, OpEds, and thought leadership pieces for national publications
- Managed accounts, developed strategy and built communications plans

***Regional Director, Communications & Government Relations: American Red Cross of Maine***

Portland, ME

June 2010 - April 2014

- Designed and managed all aspects of external and internal communications operations
- Served as the spokesperson for Humanitarian Services
- Developed policy and planning surrounding government relations campaigns
- Managed over 300 volunteers

***Chief of Staff: District of Columbia At-Large Councilmember Phil Mendelson***

Washington, DC

November 2006 - June 2010

- Managed office of 9 employees
- Analyzed and developed legislation and amendments to existing law
- Policy advisor, press liaison and speechwriter

***Campaign Manager: Phil Mendelson for At-Large Council***

Washington, DC

February 2006 - November 2006

- Directed and implemented all aspects of winning campaign
- Developed and executed fundraising strategy
- Managed all volunteer activities

***Senior Associate, Community Services Division: The National Association of Counties***

Washington, DC

January 2001 - February 2005 (full-time), September 1999 - May 2000 (internship)

- Staffed the organization's first-ever nationwide homeland security technical assistance program immediately after the tragedy on 9/11.

- Composed grant funding applications for a number of federal grants
- Conceived and conducted workshops, seminars and conferences
- Authored numerous articles, announcements and comprehensive Research Briefs

***Staff Assistant: The Office of US Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski (PA-11)***

Washington, DC & Wilkes-Barre, PA

May 2000 - January 2001, September - May 1997 & 1998

- Reviewed and analyzed congressional testimony
- Authored constituent letters
- Represented Congressman at various functions and events

**Other Boards, Commissions & Organizational Memberships**

- Member: Maine State Workforce Board (Gubernatorial Appointment)
- Member: Maine Apprenticeship Council (Gubernatorial Appointment)
- Member: Maine Climate Council, Buildings & Infrastructure Working Group (Gubernatorial Appointment)
- Graduate: Institute for Civic Leadership (now Lift360)
- Immediate Past President: Governing Board of First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Portland
- Coach: Portland Little League Softball, Portland Recreation Basketball
- OSHA 30 Certified