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## **BlueGreen Alliance (BGA)**

*Deputy Director*

**Washington, D.C.**

*May 2017 – Present*

- Manages the board of directors and steering committee of BGA, which is a partnership of fourteen labor and environmental organizations.
- Provides strategic direction for and helps manage organization's policy positions and programs.
- Oversees all operations associated with revenue and fundraising for BGA.

*Vice President, Strategic Development*

*March 2014 – April 2017*

- Oversees and directs all operations associated with revenue and fundraising for BGA.
- Supervised four staff members of the development and events team.
- Sits on BGA's executive team, actively deciding the direction and budget of the organization.
- Advises the Executive Director on BGA's budget, strategic development and year to year planning, internal and external communications, and other aspects of organizational operations.

*Director of Policy and Legislation*

*May 2013 – December 2014*

- Directed Washington, D.C. office of BGA, and supervised seven members of the legislative and policy team.
- Managed overall policy and program development through BGA's steering committee.
- Served on BGA's executive team and advised the Executive Director on BGA's strategic planning, internal and external communications, organizational operations, and fundraising.

*Senior Policy and Legislative Advocate*

*May 2009 – April 2013*

- Managed federal policy and advocacy on range of issues including climate change and energy policy.
- Crafted organizational policy positions through detailed negotiations with partners and outside coalitions.
- Acted as the principal point of contact for Members of Congress and their staff on covered issues.
- Honed communication and messaging strategy in coordination with other BGA staff.
- Organized "lobby days" to bring workers and activists from across the country to Capitol Hill.
- Represented the organization at international and domestic conferences and other speaking engagements.
- Published articles and blog posts in venues such as the National Journal and the BGA blog.

## **Congressman Lloyd Doggett**

*Legislative Assistant*

**Washington, D.C.**

*April 2008 - May 2009*

- Counseled the Congressman on energy, environment, transportation and other issues as they arose.
- Wrote and edited speeches, op-eds, press releases, and constituent correspondence.
- Represented the Congressman while meeting with constituents, experts, and interest groups.
- Advised the Congressman on the drafting, introduction, and steering of climate change legislation.
  - Worked with experts and interested parties on details of the legislation.
  - Engineered a cosponsor drive that generated the support of 92 Members.
- Advised the Congressman on the drafting, introduction, steering through Committee, and passage in the House of the National Silver Alert Act (H.R. 6064 in the 110<sup>th</sup>; H.R. 632 in the 111<sup>th</sup>).

## **National Wildlife Federation**

*Legislative Assistant*

**Washington, D.C.**

*June 2006 – April 2008*

- Led the creation of NWF's environmental education federal advocacy program.
- Provided research for and helped formulate NWF's position on conservation issues.
- Lobbied Members of Congress, worked with coalitions, and assisted with grassroots organization.
- Drove external communications by ghost writing op-eds and letters for the CEO, writing editorial advisories, and pitching stories to editorial boards and news producers.
- Wrote daily briefing for NWF staff, board, and general public on key environmental issues and current news.

## EDUCATION

**The George Washington University**  
*Master of Arts in Public Policy, May 2006*  
Concentration: Philosophy and Social Policy

**Washington, D.C.**

**Boston University**  
*Bachelor of Arts, June 2004*  
Major: Philosophy; Music

**Boston, MA**

## CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

### UNFCCC, Conference of the Parties

*Speaker and Organizer*

**Multiple**  
*Multiple*

- Organized and lead a delegation of BGA partner labor unions and environmental organizations to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change annual Conference of the Parties (COPs) in Copenhagen, Doha, Warsaw, Lima and Paris, and served as a speaker on multiple panels and side events.

### Good Jobs, Green Jobs Conference

*Speaker and Organizer*

**Multiple**  
*Multiple*

- Oversaw planning and development of whole conference, as well as organized specific briefings, moderated panels, and presented remarks alongside other experts including elected officials and leaders from the labor and environmental movements at the annual Good Jobs, Green Jobs Conference, which regularly had over 1,000 attendees.

### Heinrich Böll Foundation's European Union Green Jobs Tours

*Participant and Organizer*

**Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Czech Republic**

*2010, 2011, 2013*

- Helped organize and a lead a delegation of elected officials and leaders from labor unions and environmental organization to Denmark and Germany to learn about their offshore wind industry.
- Helped organize and lead a delegation of leaders from labor unions and environmental organizations who make up the BlueGreen Alliance to meet with high-level political and clean energy leaders in Germany and Belgium.
- One of four participants, including the president of the National Farmers Union and a renowned civil rights and faith leader, who met with political and clean energy leaders in the Czech Republic, Germany, and Belgium.

### Miscellaneous

*Speaker*

*May2009-present*

- Spoken and presented at press conferences, symposiums, and alongside Members of Congress and leaders from various NGOs across the country and the world, including the U.S. Congress, European Parliament, and organizations such as the Aspen Global Change Institute.

## VOLUNTEER

### YMCA of Southern Maine

*Advisory Board Member, Casco Bay Branch*

**Freeport, ME**

*December 2016-present*

- Serves on Advisory Board, tasked with supporting the branch's financial sustainability as well as providing strategic direction.

### Foundation51

*Board Member*

**Cumberland, ME**

*August 2016-present*

- Serves on the Board of Directors of volunteer run organization whose mission is to provide independent funding to promote innovative student development in MSAD51.

### Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church

*Board Member*

**Portland, ME**

*August 2018-present*

- Serves on the Board of Trustees, which leads the governance of the church, providing oversight, policy development, and resource allocation

### NRCM Rising, a project of the Natural Resources Council of Maine

*Leadership Team*

**Augusta, ME**

*September 2015-May 2018*

- Served on the leadership team of NRCM Rising, a program developed by the Natural Resources Council of Maine to encourage younger generations to get engaged in environmental issues.