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EDUCATION:

Doctorate, Geography

Subfield: Economic Geography (Industry-University-Government Innovation Networks)

Awarded: 2010

State University of New York at Buffalo

Master of Public Policy and Administration

Awarded: 1984

State University of New York at Binghamton

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

Awarded: 1981

State University of New York at Binghamton

EXPERIENCE:

New York State Legislature

01/2013-to-Present

Professor-In-Residence, New York State Assembly Graduate Intern Program

- Leads a Practicum in Legislative Analysis and Communicating Public Policy for 100 graduate and undergraduate students participating in this 50-year-old experiential learning program.
- Instructs undergraduate students in government and politics.
- Part of a management team for all aspects of student participation, including program design and strategic direction, student recruitment, budget and legislative analysis, and program policies and procedures.

CUNY Institute for State and Local Governance

02/2024-to-Present

Senior Fellow

- State and city financial analysis and strategic advice to government leaders.

Cornell University, MPA Program, Ithaca, New York USA

08/2016-to-01-2017

Visiting Lecturer

State University of New York, Buffalo State College MPA Program

01/2011-to-01/2015

Buffalo, New York USA

Visiting Associate Professor of Public Administration

- Developed and taught courses for Buffalo State College's Master of Public Administration Program, including public budgeting, strategic planning, and metropolitan governance, and served on the program's leadership team, including chairing its curriculum development committee.

The Jacobs Institute/ Buffalo, New York USA

11/2012-to-11/2013

Executive Director

- Managed start-up operations for this newly established innovation center, supporting its mission to promote industry-university-government partnerships and projects for the purposes of advancing medicine and economic development.
- Start-up operations included establishing financial management and procurement systems, implementing over \$20 million in government, philanthropic, and industry funds, grant management, and developing strategic academic and industry partnerships and programs.

The City of Buffalo/ Buffalo, New York USA

01/2007-to-12/2012

Commissioner of Administration, Finance, Policy and Urban Affairs

- Senior advisor to the Mayor of the City of Buffalo (New York's second largest city) on all aspects of City operations and budget, fiscal, and program policy.
- Directed preparation and implementation of the City's \$465 million budget and four-year financial plan.
- Managed five City administrative divisions with nearly 100 employees (Treasury, Budget, Parking, Procurement, and Urban Affairs).
- Led the City's team to manage urban renewal policies and procedures, including procurement, for over \$20 million in annual appropriations from the U.S Government's Community Development Block Grant Program.

Hinman, Straub, P.C./ Albany, New York USA

12/2005-to-12/2006

Government Affairs Associate

- Government representation and advocacy for NGO's and industry-university-government innovation projects for public universities.
- Legislative successes included \$67 million for a new engineering building for the State University of New York and \$20 million in urban development funds for the City of Buffalo.

The State University of New York at Buffalo/ Buffalo, New York USA

12/2005-to-12/1998

Associate Vice-President for University Services

- Direct report to the University's President in the management of the University's Office of Government Affairs for the purposes of developing and advancing its legislative and policy agenda--focused on developing industry-university-government innovation networks--before senior staff and members of the U.S. Congress and elected and appointed officials within New York State's Governor's Office and Legislature.
- Successes included the award of a combined federal and state series of grants totaling in excess of \$50 million for the establishment of an industry-university Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and over \$100 million for the development a high tech research and development consortium of university, clinical, and research facilities on the Buffalo-Niagara Medical Campus.

The Center for Health Policy Studies/ Albany, New York USA

01-1998-to-12/1998

Vice-President

- Management and consultant services, including strategic planning for health care providers.

New York State Legislature, Assembly Committee on Ways and Means/ Albany, New York USA 01-1983-to-11/1998

Secretary to the Committee 1993-to-1998

- Lead negotiator and chief advisor to New York State legislative leadership for all fiscal and economic matters.
- Responsible for final preparation of New York State's \$69 billion budget (at the time) and management of staff of 50 masters and PhD level budget, policy, and economic analysts and researchers.

Director of Budget Studies 1990-to-1993

Deputy Fiscal Director 1989-to-1990

Fiscal and Budget Analyst 1984-to-1990

Graduate Scholar 1983-to-1984

- Rose through the committee staff structure to ultimately manage all aspects of legislative analysis and New York's appropriation and budget processes and systems, staff engaged in appropriations, expenditure forecasting, research and policy development, and program and budget evaluation.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency, Board Member (2007-2012)
- Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority, Board Member (2005)
- Erie County Cultural Resources Advisory Board, Board Member (1998-2000)
- Association for the Study of Public Administration, Member

PUBLICATIONS:

- Estrich, D., & Penksa, J. (2013). Buffalo is bucking the trend. *Public Administration Times*. 36(5), 4.
- Penksa, J., & Howard, M. (2014). New York introduces process to achieve political acceptance and better outcomes in budgeting. *Public Administration Times*. 37(3), 6.

SKILLS:

Proficient in Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Blackboard and Moodle (for distance learning).
Level 5 TEFL/TESOL certified.