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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Strategic, collaborative, and mission-driven leader with over a decade of experience advancing economic mobility, workforce development, and public sector innovation through cross-sector partnerships. Proven track record advising government, philanthropic, and nonprofit executives to translate policy priorities and community needs into scalable programs and measurable impact. Known for designing and managing complex, multi-stakeholder initiatives that align funding, technical assistance, and operational systems to strengthen service delivery and expand economic opportunity. Skilled in strategic planning, facilitation, performance measurement, and building high-performing, learning-oriented teams across state and local government, workforce and education ecosystems, and national intermediary networks.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

DIRECTOR | Raleigh, NC **2024-present**
City of Raleigh Innovation Team

- Selected as first local hire to launch a Bloomberg Philanthropies-funded, 25-city, \$200M investment
- Lead a cross-functional team managing a portfolio of initiatives focused on improving resident economic mobility
- Serve as a trusted advisor to the Mayor and City Manager, providing strategic insights and executive briefings
- Design and manage cross-sector partnerships aligning public agencies, philanthropy, and community organizations

FOUNDER & CEO | Raleigh, NC **2022-present**
Triangle Solutions Consulting

- Advise government, intermediary, and philanthropic clients on workforce, education, and public service initiatives through strategic planning, technical assistance design, and implementation support
- Design capacity-building and advising frameworks that help organizations clarify priorities, strengthen internal systems, and deliver measurable, lasting impact
- Build performance measurement, learning, and knowledge management systems to support continuous improvement
- Integrate responsible and practical application of AI tools to support research, analysis, and efficiency

EXECUTIVE FELLOW | Durham, NC **2021-2022**
FUSE Corps | City of Durham

- Designed and implemented a participatory grantmaking strategy to allocate \$100M in ARPA funds, aligning community priorities with educational, workforce, small business, and public health investments
- Developed partnerships to improve vaccine equity and strengthen coordination among stakeholders
- Engaged residents, public officials, and institutional partners to inform funding decisions and program design

DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS | Oakland, CA **2018-2019**
Trilogy Education Services

- Built and managed enterprise partnerships connecting higher education, employers, and workforce training providers
- Designed and delivered technical assistance and capacity building support to expand career pathway programs

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR | San Francisco, CA **2016-2018**
New America

- Launched and managed statewide fellowship program supporting civic technology and social innovation leaders
- Led program strategy, implementation planning, budgeting, and evaluation across multiple partner organizations
- Facilitated strategic planning sessions, delegated workstreams, managed program staff, and advised senior fellows

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Capacity Building
- Creative Problem-Solving
- Cross-Sector Partnership Development
- Learning Frameworks
- Performance Measurement
- Program & Portfolio Management
- Service Delivery & Innovation
- Stakeholder Facilitation
- Strategic Planning
- Team Leadership & Coaching
- Economic Mobility Strategies

EDUCATION

London School of Economics and Political Science
Executive Master of Public Administration

London, UK
May 2019

University of California, Berkeley
B.A. Psychology, Minor Public Policy

Berkeley, CA
December 2010

LEADERSHIP & TRAINING

ASPEN INSTITUTE FELLOW | Workforce Leadership Academy

- United Way of the Greater Triangle regional leadership program focused on workforce innovation

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING | Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School

- Completed coursework in Leadership, Management, Executive Presence, and Organizational Development

GOODMAN FELLOW | Leadership Triangle

- Regional leadership development program focused on state and local policy and civic engagement

FELLOW | New Leaders Council Institute

- Leadership development program in entrepreneurship, fundraising, communications, and campaigns

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR | Roosevelt Institute Summer Academy

- Directed and mentored undergraduate fellows placed at public policy and nonprofit organizations

POLITICAL DIRECTOR | Women's Information Network

- Elected leadership role supporting women in policy advocacy and public service

WOMEN & POLITICS INSTITUTE | American University School of Public Affairs

- Bipartisan leadership training program supporting women in politics and public leadership

CO-FOUNDER | UC Berkeley Public Service Center Alumni Network

- Co-created and alumni engagement network supporting community service initiatives

FACILITATOR | Code for America Summit

- Designed and led workshop for 100+ participants on digital solutions for public sector challenges