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EDUCATION

Temple University Beasley School of Law,

Philadelphia, PA

J.D. Candidate, Expected

May 2026

Honors: Dean's Honor List - Spring 2024

Activities: National Lawyers Guild

Oberlin College & Conservatory,

Oberlin, OH

Bachelor of Arts in **Environmental Studies and Politics**

May 2015

Honors: *Phi Beta Kappa*

Activities: Students for Energy Justice, Oberlin Student Cooperative Association, Student Labor Action Coalition

EXPERIENCE

Solar Possible,

Philadelphia, PA

Solar Consultant, Founder, Owner

November 2024 - Present

- Confirmed by Department of Community Economic Development (DCED) to be a "Qualified Provider" for the Solar For Schools Grant Program
- Produced Solar Facility Site Assessments for schools across Pennsylvania
- Provided grant assistance to schools to submit Solar For Schools grant applications

Abolitionist Law Center

Philadelphia, PA

Legal Intern

June 2024 - December 2024

- Conducted legal research and wrote a memo on medical transfer/compassionate release in PA
- Identified potential clients for class action lawsuit related to solitary confinement
- Reviewed documents for discovery in a class action lawsuit related to solitary confinement
- Assisted in developing two surveys related to class action litigation against prison conditions

Solar States,

Philadelphia, PA

Director of Community Partnerships

October 2022-August 2023

- Developed commercial solar projects for schools, houses of worship, nonprofits, and businesses
- Facilitated partnerships with the Philadelphia Energy Authority (PEA) for the Built To Last program (solar for low-income Philadelphians) and several Solarize campaigns
- Helped launch the Hunting Park Community Solar Initiative to bring affordable solar + job training to a neighborhood in North Philadelphia
- Taught and developed curriculum for solar educational and green jobs programs with multiple vocational schools, charter schools and universities.
- Assisted organizations in receiving funding and solar-related tax benefits from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

Solar Designer and Salesperson

August 2019 - September 2022

- Designed and sold 175+ residential and commercial solar systems (over \$5 million in direct sales)
- Negotiated contracts, initiated loan agreements, wrote grants, responded to RFPs/municipal bids

Solar Installer

May 2018 - August 2019

- Installed 100+ residential and commercial photovoltaic solar systems
- Received technical training in photovoltaic solar installation, electrical inspection and interconnection, battery storage, ground mounts, carports, and EV charging station installation.

Exact Solar,
Solar Installer

Yardley, PA
February 2018 - April 2018

- Installed photovoltaic solar systems on commercial and residential properties
- Received solar installation training and got OSHA 10 certified

Human Rights Coalition,
Community Organizer, Finance Committee Member

Philadelphia, PA
September 2016 - Present

- Assisted with developing multiple campaigns advocating for the human rights of incarcerated people in Pennsylvania - Solidarity Not Solitary, Toxic Prisons, Prison Archive
- Wrote, administered and monitored multiple grants over 8 years - totalling over \$100,000
- Served on Finance Committee assisting with fundraising, budgeting, and nonprofit development

Auntie Na's Village,
Board of Directors Member, Treasurer

Detroit, MI
January 2013 - June 2021

- Facilitated board meetings and assisted with nonprofit incorporation and housing/land acquisition
- Fundraised over \$500,000 from individuals, crowdfunding campaigns and grants
- Led program development and accounting for food, clothing, housing, medical, youth programs
- Supervised youth staff in community gardening, leadership development and mutual aid projects

Headwaters Defense,
Volunteer Community Organizer

Fayette County, WV
September 2015 - May 2016

- Collected signatures for petition calling for a ban on fracking / frack waste disposal in Fayette Co.
- Led press and communications strategy for fracking ban - press releases, social media campaign
- Organized demonstrations about injection wells and poor water quality in Fayette Co. schools
- Built relationships with various community groups and local environmental activists
- Coordinated the legal defense of the fracking ban in the Southern District of West Virginia

National Environmental Law Center,
Legal Intern

Boston, MA
January 2012-February 2012

- Logged emissions violations for a lawsuit against an Exxon-Mobil refinery in Texas

LANGUAGES + SKILLS

- **Language:** Conversational in Spanish
- **Certifications:** OSHA 30, OSHA 10, Certificate in Solar PV Design, Code, Economics, Sales and Site Visits (HeatSpring) Certificate for RE100 – Introduction to Renewable Energy (Solar Energy International)
- **Technology:** Proficient in Google Drive, Microsoft 365, DocuSign
5+ years experience with solar design software (Aurora/Helioscope)