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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Public affairs executive, policy attorney, and political professional with nearly 15 years of legal, legislative, nonprofit, campaign, and fundraising experience. Proven track record of leading equity-focused nonprofits, political campaigns, and government offices, prioritizing mission realignment, coalition work, strategic planning, and fiscal responsibility.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

EASTERN BANK & THE EASTERN BANK FOUNDATION

Boston, MA

Senior Vice President, Director of External Affairs

7/2025-Present

- Direct external affairs for Eastern Bank and the Eastern Bank Foundation, the \$250M charitable arm of Eastern Bank providing support to historically marginalized communities across MA, NH and RI via economic inclusion and mobility, workforce development, early education and care, and affordable housing initiatives.
- Monitor and conduct research on relevant state and federal legislation and develop policy positions for the Bank on key policy issues spanning financial services, affordable housing, workforce development, education, and healthcare.
- Lead communication on policy priorities to government partners and community stakeholders and coalitions.
- Serve as senior advisor to Executive Chair Bob Rivers in his civic leadership endeavors.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD LEAGUE OF MASSACHUSETTS

Boston, MA

Chief External Affairs Officer & Executive Director of the Advocacy Fund

2024-2025

- Led Planned Parenthood's strategic external-facing work; managed a 32-person department incl. our policy advocacy, electoral organizing and community outreach, education, research and training, and marketing and communications teams.
- Responsible for the leadership and management of PPLM's political organization, the Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund of Massachusetts, serving as the leader of the organization and primary advisor to PPAF's Board of Directors.
- Served as the organization's chief spokesperson; planned and executed comprehensive external affairs strategies involving local and regional stakeholders to advance the organization's mission, reputation, advocacy goal & fundraising strategies.
- Prioritized sustainability and cost savings in light of federal funding threats; reduced the Advocacy Fund's deficit by \$500k in FY25 via strategic realignment and securing new external funding sources.

Director, PPLM ASPIRE Center for Sexual & Reproductive Health

2022-2023

- Launched Planned Parenthood's ASPIRE Center, the umbrella for the organization's research, professional education, and clinical training teams, and directed ASPIRE's strategy, vision, growth, external partnerships, fundraising, and events.
- Created and led PPLM's legal and policy research program, with a focus on abortion access for marginalized populations.
- Partnered with PPLM's education, policy, equity and engagement, and development teams to advance sexual and reproductive health equity, especially for youth, BIPOC, LGBTQ+ people, and those with disabilities.
- Brought in over \$1M in new grant revenue for the organization in ASPIRE's first year.

MICHELLE WU FOR MAYOR

Boston, MA

Senior Advisor

2021

- Researched and created policy proposals and policy-related communications focused on gender and racial equity issues.
- Helped lead fundraising efforts, including identifying opportunities for related endorsements and events.
- Managed political outreach and tracking with key constituencies and community leaders.

MASSACHUSETTS STATE SENATE: OFFICE OF SENATOR BARRY R. FINEGOLD

Boston, MA

Chief of Staff

2019-2020

- Created and executed office goals and managed the Senator's long-term legislative and budgetary priorities.
- Authored key pieces of legislation and worked with Senate and House leadership and relevant stakeholders to successfully navigate the legislative process, including passing landmark vote-by-mail legislation during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Developed and implemented a media strategy for the office; wrote press releases, speeches & public statements.
- Acted as liaison for the office to local, state and federal government offices, local business, and nonprofit leaders.

BOSTON WOMEN'S WORKFORCE COUNCIL**Boston, MA****Executive Director****2016-2018**

- Managed recruitment to the 100% Talent Compact for pay equity; responsible for recruiting 170+ new companies.
- Oversaw the wage data collection and statistical analysis of more than 200,000 employees, making Boston the first city in the nation to use real data to analyze the pay gap by race, gender, and professional category.
- Created and executed fundraising strategy; increased BWWC annual revenue from \$0 to over \$350,000 in two years.
- Planned and executed the BWWC's annual Best Practices Conference and quarterly membership briefings.

HARVARD WOMEN AND PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM**Cambridge, MA****Gender Equity Researcher****2013-2015**

- Translated and summarized complex research and methodology into policy briefs for non-academic audiences.
- Analyzed academic works to identify interventions to close gender gaps in health, economics, education, and politics.

BARRY FINEGOLD FOR SENATE**Andover, MA****Campaign Manager****2012**

- Won with 65% of the vote (20k+ vote margin of victory); Led staff of three, interns, and volunteer universe of 300+.
- Managed volunteer recruitment and training, press relations, debate prep, and candidate and volunteer canvassing.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**HARVARD UNIVERSITY KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT****Cambridge, MA****Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy****2023-Present**

- Developed and teach HKS' only reproductive and sexual health policy course, which covers foundational abortion case law, social science research, and current state, federal, and international political and policy issues.
- Teach a political speechwriting course, focused on persuasion strategies and integrating public policy into speeches.

MERRIMACK COLLEGE**North Andover, MA****Adjunct Lecturer in Women's & Gender Studies****2021-2023**

- Created curriculum for and taught the Women's and Gender Studies Department's legal courses, including Gender Law; Gender & Immigration Law; and Gender, Race & Environmental Justice.
- Developed and taught the diversity, equity, and inclusion curriculum for the College's degree completion program.

EDUCATION:**NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW****Boston, MA****Juris Doctor****May 2021**

- Concentration in Labor and Employment Law, with a focus on gender- and pregnancy-based discrimination.
- Honors included reproductive rights, gender law, employment discrimination, immigration, criminal law & legal writing.
- Law Clerk at Lichten & Liss-Riordan, P.C.: drafted pleadings and legal memoranda for state and federal court, including racial, gender, and pregnancy discrimination and wage theft lawsuits against major employers.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT**Cambridge, MA****Master in Public Policy****May 2015**

- Awards: Recipient of 2015 Holly Taylor Sargent Award for Women's Advancement; Women and Public Policy Program Cultural Bridge Fellow; Criminal Justice Policy and Management Program Summer Fellow
- Summer Fellowship: Conducted qualitative research on the effectiveness of Edinburgh, Scotland's multi-agency response to domestic abuse, culminating in a report of policy recommendations to the Edinburgh City Council.
- Master's Thesis: Led a year-long consulting project for the Massachusetts Probation Commissioner involving quantitative analysis comparing the recidivism rate of domestic violence offenders who complete court-mandated programming to those who do not. Findings were circulated to the state legislature and trial court & incorporated into Probation trainings.

MERRIMACK COLLEGE**North Andover, MA****Bachelor of Arts in Political Science****May 2012**

- Honors: Presidential Scholar; 2012 Commencement Speaker; Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science National Honor Society
- Activities: Honors Program Founding Member; Orientation Speaker on Sexual Misconduct Policy; Pre-Law Society

SELECTED LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS:

National Conferences:

- “Expanding Comprehensive Sex Education in Abortion Ban States,” National Sex Ed Conference (December 2023)
- “One Year of the Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts ASPIRE Center for Sexual and Reproductive Health: Research Expo Lunch and Learn,” American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo (November 2023)
- “Gender-based Violence and the #MeToo Movement,” Harvard Igniting Innovation Summit (October 2018)

Workshops & Trainings:

- “Political Endorsements: Types, Process & Strategies,” Harvard Kennedy School Women and Public Policy Program: Harvard Square to the Oval Office training (February 2026; March 2025; March 2024; March 2023; March 2022)
- “How to Draft Legislation,” Rise Justice Labs (October 2025; November 2024; June 2022; September 2021)
- “Snapshot of Abortion Law Strategies in America 2025,” Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (July 2025)
- “Careers in Reproductive Justice,” Harvard Law School’s Alliance for Reproductive Justice and Boston University’s If/When/How Chapter (October 2023)
- “Speechwriting for Politicians and Advocates,” Harvard Kennedy School Communications Program workshop (September 2023; February 2022; September 2021)
- “Leveraging Research to Change Parental Consent Laws in Massachusetts,” Abortion Access Research Roadmap Convening (June 2023)
- “The Past, Present & Future: What’s at Stake for Reproductive Health in America?” Harvard Kennedy School Women and Public Policy Program (March 2023)
- “Reproductive Rights After *Dobbs*,” Harvard Kennedy School’s Women’s Leadership Board Meeting (November 2022)
- “After the *Dobbs* Decision: How Did We Get Here and What Does It Mean?” Harvard Kennedy School Office of the Dean / Women and Public Policy Program (October 2022)
- “Gender Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace,” Harvard Kennedy School Women’s Network (March 2021)

Guest Lectures:

- “Abortion Law & Policy in the U.S.,” Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health (December 2025; November 2023)
- “Introduction to Rape Law,” Harvard Law School: Criminal Law 1 course (March 2024; March 2020)
- “Introduction to Rape Law & Evidentiary Standards,” Northeastern University School of Law: Criminal Law and Evidence courses (October 2023; March 2022; March 2019)
- “Abortion Access for Marginalized Populations,” New England Law School (September 2023)
- “Introduction to Title IX,” Harvard Law School Gender Violence Legal Policy Workshop (April 2015)

PUBLICATIONS:

- “The Criminalization of Title IX: Replicating a System Where No One Wins,” Harvard Kennedy School Review (2021)
- “A Woman’s Policy Guide to the Trump Administration,” Harvard Kennedy School Review (2016)
- “Breaking the Cycle: The Effects of Batterer Intervention Programs on Domestic Violence Recidivism in Massachusetts,” Harvard Kennedy School Master’s Thesis (2015)
- “Scotland Takes Domestic Abuse Seriously – And We Should Too,” Harvard Kennedy School Review (2014)

VOLUNTEERING:

- **617 Rocks Foundation:** Serve as the Executive Director of an annual nonprofit music festival, featuring nationally recognized rock bands and raising nearly \$500,000 to date for cancer research and treatment.
- **Elizabeth Warren for President:** Served as a member of the late help political team in New Hampshire, including staffing high-profile surrogates and organizing large-scale events.
- **Rise:** Consulted on, lobbied for, and testified in support of Massachusetts bill “An Act establishing a bill of rights for victims of sexual assault and related purposes,” which was signed into law by Governor Baker in October 2016.
- **Harvard Students Demand Respect:** Led a coalition of graduate students working to end gender-based violence on campus via policy changes; Received national press coverage, including NYT, NPR, CBS, and the Boston Globe.
- **Harvard Graduate Student Labor Action Movement:** Led a successful two-year fight to unionize 100+ hotel workers.