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WORK EXPERIENCE

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

Research Analyst | Washington, DC

Jun. 2022 – Present

Research Associate | Washington, DC

Jun. 2020 – May 2022

- Researching unmet need for federal rental assistance, housing hardship and affordability, and homelessness.
- Analyzing Census microdata and HUD administrative data to support research products across the housing team.

Wisconsin Department of Justice

Data Management Analyst | Madison, WI

Oct. 2019 – May 2020

- Interviewed subject matter experts on existing data to develop a Department-wide framework to collect an inventory of data.
- Researched other state agencies' data management tools, systems, and processes to document best practices.

Institute for Community Alliances

Graduate Researcher | Madison, WI

Sep. 2018 – Mar. 2019

- Researched the scale and underlying causes of racial disparities in homelessness demographics using HMIS data to assist local service providers and policymakers.
- Developed a report comparing Coordinated Entry Systems across Wisconsin to determine best practices in each Continuum of Care (CoC).

Government Accountability Office

Management and Policy Analyst Intern | Washington, DC

Jun. 2018 – Aug. 2018

- Conducted interviews with local and state child welfare agencies and transition-age foster youth to assess how Title IV-E federal funding supports extended foster care across states.
- Collaborated on a team of analysts to design a survey sent to states with extended foster care, gathering data on service provision, case management, and federal funding impacts.

RESEARCH

Nearly 3.7 Million People at Risk of Losing Needed Rental Assistance to Harsh Time Limit and Work Requirement Proposal

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Apr. 2026

Administration Plan Targeting Immigrants Would Take Away Rental Assistance, Create New Barriers

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities | With S. Acosta

Dec. 2025

Where Households Using Federal Rental Assistance Live: More Can Be Done to Promote Neighborhood Choice

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities | With A. Mazzara and W. Fischer

Mar. 2025

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EXPERTISE

Housing Policy: Federal rental assistance programs, housing affordability and unmet need for rental assistance, eviction risk and homelessness, racial disparities in housing hardship

Data Analysis: HUD administrative data, Point-in-Time count data, American Community Survey microdata

SKILLS

Programming: R and Stata

Visualization: Excel, Adobe Illustrator, and ggplot2

Communication: Reports, policy briefs, blogs, and chart books

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Master of Public Affairs | Madison, WI

Awarded May 2020

GPA: 3.9

La Follette School Fellowship: Awarded full tuition coverage based on academic merit, including priority consideration for project assistantships.

St. Olaf College

Bachelor of Arts | Northfield, MN

Awarded May 2015

Majors: Economics & Political Science | **Minor:** Statistics | **GPA:** 3.65, *Cum Laude*

Honors: Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics), Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science)

Social Entrepreneurship Scholar Fellowship: Interned at Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, researching connections between federal housing policy and homelessness at the state and national levels.