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CORE EXPERTISE

Government + Legislative

Legislative communications
Government relations
Constituent services systems
Agency and elected-official coordination

Public Affairs + Civic Tech

Press operations
Digital strategy and analytics
Stakeholder mapping
Narrative and message development

Operations + Campaigns

Office leadership
Staff development
Coalition building
Event execution and campaign management

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Office of Assemblymember Brian Cunningham

Senior Advisor, Chief of Staff

Brooklyn, NY

May 2025-Present

- Set officewide strategy, priorities, and execution across communications, legislative affairs, community engagement, constituent services, and district operations.
- Lead legislative and political strategy alongside senior staff, shaping bill messaging, drafting statements and quotes, planning advocacy pathways, and aligning policy, communications, and community positioning around district priorities.
- Expanded communications channels, formalized content and analytics systems, organized 100+ press placements, and trained junior staff with clearer expectations, structure, and accountability. TikTok grew from 0 to 12.4K likes and 1,482 followers.
- Strengthened office operations through clearer weekly reporting, event preparation, cross-functional staff coordination, and rapid-response public affairs support.

Cultivating Social Resilience Group

Founder and Managing Partner

New York, NY

April 2024-May 2025

- Assisted a historic Black church in navigating government processes for property acquisition, developing a strategy and key stakeholder list.
- Organized the annual African American Day Parade Breakfast, attended by 250+ elected officials and community stakeholders. Managed partnerships, press coverage, seating logistics, event overflow, and website design.
- Developed a strategic plan for a tech startup, securing relationships, media coverage, and placement at exclusive high-donor presidential fundraisers.
- Provided government affairs, partnerships, and stakeholder engagement support for clients navigating public, civic, and philanthropic spaces.

Office of State Senator Cleare

Senior Advisor

New York, NY

January 2023-January 2024

- Managed 20% of the office's daily casework and coordinated partnerships with city and state agencies, elected offices, and nonprofits on housing and homelessness, public safety, community affairs, and economic development.
- Established staff meetings, daily operations protocols, intergovernmental and community relations lists, and a monthly social media planning system.
- Oversaw press operations, improving creation and distribution of press releases, media advisories, letters, newsletters, and proclamations by 100%.
- Supported community programming, intergovernmental outreach, and district communications across senior services, public safety, housing, and economic development priorities.

Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Director of Operations; Director of Strategic Initiatives

New York, NY

September 2021-May 2022

- Managed the principal's statewide schedule, coordinating timing, logistics, regional executive staff engagement, state troopers, and daily operations for a 50-person team.
- Cultivated communication channels with local elected offices, state agencies, and international entities to support COVID-19 aid, diversity inclusion, and public safety outreach.
- Championed collaborative efforts with Grubhub, Barclays Center, and Reform Alliance to support COVID-19 vaccination, workforce development, and 2022 Bronx fire relief initiatives.
- Coordinated executive-level logistics and public-facing initiatives across government, nonprofit, corporate, and community partners.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

Office of State Senator Benjamin

New York, NY

Special Assistant; Director of Operations

January 2019-August 2021

- Directed a six-person district team, optimized workflows, and delegated requests across constituent affairs, legislative affairs, scheduling, community affairs, and communications.
- Managed the senator's relationship building, daily schedule, and seven-day-a-week staff support for approximately 2,500 events over three years.
- Implemented mobile office presence at community events and promoted Emergency Rental Assistance Program and unemployment insurance filing support for 1,000 community members.
- Achieved 10,000+ social media follower growth while helping the principal maintain a 99% attendance rate.
- Built daily systems for relationship management, event preparation, constituent follow-up, staff assignments, and principal support.

Benjamin for New York

New York, NY

Campaign Manager

January 2019-January 2021

- Raised approximately \$200,000 in campaign support by fostering relationships with stakeholders and organizing fundraisers.
- Led re-election efforts by implementing strategies to address the anticipated undercount in the 2020 Census and building awareness around the first implementation of early voting in New York State.
- Managed campaign operations, stakeholder engagement, fundraising logistics, and field strategy across a high-volume local political environment.

Office of State Senator Mayer

Westchester County, NY

Community Liaison

May 2018-January 2019

- Established a Youth Advisory Council of 35 high school students to discuss policy and civic issues.
- Managed event logistics and developed digital content to enhance community engagement.
- Supported constituent-facing outreach and civic programming across Westchester County communities.

ADDITIONAL CAMPAIGN AND FIELD EXPERIENCE

- Field Organizer, Shelley Mayer for State Senate (2018) - Westchester County, NY; supported field operations for a competitive state senate race.
- Field Director/Campaign Manager, Johnson for County Legislator (2017) - Yonkers, NY; managed campaign and field operations through a 19-vote primary win.
- Field Organizer, New Virginia Majority (2016-2017) - Hampton Roads & Richmond, VA; organized voter registration, civic engagement, and restoration-of-rights outreach.
- Canvasser/Field Manager, Latimer for State Senate (2012) - Yonkers, NY; began in voter contact and advanced into field management support.

LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERISM

- Communications Director, Manhattan Democratic Party (2026-Present)
- Advisory Board Member, Manhattan Young Democrats (2026-Present)
- Advisory Board Member, African American Day Parade Breakfast Committee (2024-Present)
- Government Affairs and Partnerships Liaison, La La Anthony (2022-2024)
- Board Member, United Nations Caucus of Girls of African Descent (2019-2022)
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- GOTV Westchester Regional Field Director, Tish James for Attorney General (2018)
- GOTV Field Organizer, James Skoufis for State Senate (2018)
- Founder, Life and Politics (2015-2023)

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies: Biology, Political Science

Hampton University, Hampton, VA