

EDUCATION

- ❖ **The University of Texas at Austin, College of Education**
Ed.D Doctor of Education – Higher Education Leadership & Policy studies
 - **Dissertation Topic** – Higher Education fundraising and strategic partnerships related to workforce and economic development.
- ❖ **University of Pittsburgh, School of Law**
JD - Doctor of Law
- ❖ **University of Florida, Warrington College of Business**
MBA - Master of Business Administration (Finance Focus)
- ❖ **Carnegie Mellon University, H. John Heinz III College**
MSc - Master of Science in Public Policy and Management
- ❖ **University of Washington**
BA - Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies

PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ **John, E. P. S., Gera, N. K., Somers, P. A., & Yang, L. (2022). Contexts for Co-Learning. In *Co-Learning in Higher Education* (pp. 1-24). Routledge.**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ❖ **Business Management Research Associates (BMRA) , Washington DC**
Federal Government Training Consultant, July 2023 - Present
 - Providing training law, grants, finance, management, leadership, finance, project management related trainings to various federal government agencies
 - Example agencies are – Dept of Defense, GAO, DOE, Navy, SBA, etc.
- ❖ **The Gera Group, LLC, Austin, TX**
Public Policy and Finance Consultant, August 2019 – Present
 - Worked with multiple higher education institutions on issues relation to business development, government relations, legal contracts, fundraising, curriculum development and trainings.
- ❖ **Texas A&M University- San Antonio, Texas**
Lecturer/Instructor, Teaching experience since July of 2018 – Present
 - Previously adjunct professor at Westhills College and Reedley College in California (started in 2018)
 - Developed new courses for certification programs (paralegal and business courses)
 - Courses taught: Business Law, Finance, Entrepreneurship, Management, Paralegal, American Government, Comparative Government, International Relations, etc.
- ❖ **Austin Community College, Austin, TX**
Special Advisor/Consultant to the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor, January 2022 – August 2023
- ❖ **Halo Business Capital, Texas Market**
Senior Vice President, August 2019 – January 2022
 - Provided workshops and mentoring to start-up businesses (i.e. business planning, legal, tax and financing preparation consulting)
 - Financed over \$50 million towards businesses that needed help during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Provided consulting and financial solutions towards businesses that need financing to grow in partnership with Small Business Administration sponsored programs.
- ❖ **Central Valley Community Bank – Commercial, SBA, and Construction Divisions, Fresno, CA**
Asst. Vice President – Business Development, June 2017 - August 2019
 - Assisted start-up businesses through the Small Business Administration loan processes.

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- Financed over \$50 million in commercial businesses through public & private partnerships for economic development.
- Financed over a \$100 million in housing projects such as subdivisions, single family homes and government related projects.

❖ **Carnegie Mellon University Office of Government Relations**, Pittsburgh, PA

Research Analyst, January 2015 - May 2016

- Helped write multiple grants including a major \$30 million EPA grant attained by the University.
- Worked on economic development issues for the region.

❖ **U.S. House of Representatives**, Washington, DC

Legal Fellow, January 2016 - April 2016

- Worked for congressional leadership in the legislature on energy law and policy projects in relations to U.S.- Canada energy relations.
- Assisted in writing bills and proposals.

❖ **U.S. Chamber of Commerce**, Washington, DC

Legal Fellow, May 2015 - August 2015

- Worked with energy lobbyists and lawyers to represent the specific interests of Texas, Pennsylvania and Colorado energy industries.
- Assisted in drafting bills and proposals for Congressional representatives.
- Met with energy stakeholders and assisted in negotiations on behalf of the Chamber.

❖ **Office of the Governor of Colorado, Gov. John W. Hickenlooper Jr.**, Washington, DC

Legal Fellow, May 2015 - August 2015

- Assisted the director with the energy matters on behalf of the Governor in Washington DC.
- Met with lobbyist and stakeholders on energy matters for Colorado.

❖ **Ridge Policy Group (Led by former U.S. Homeland Security Secretary, Gov. Tom Ridge)**, Washington, DC

Energy Legal Associate, May 2014 - August 2014

- Worked on energy legal and policy matters on behalf of Pennsylvania in Washington DC.
- Attended energy hearings on Capitol Hill.
- Worked with Congressional leaders from Pennsylvania on issues affecting the energy economy in Pennsylvania.

COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

❖ **U.S. Department of Commerce, Central California District Export Council (DEC)**, Fresno, CA

Vice Chairman, April 2017 - March 2020.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

❖ **Hindi & Punjabi (fully fluent)**