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Energetic and creative policy professional with a master's in city planning. Work experience in state government (PA & NJ) and at Greater Philadelphia's regional transportation planning agency. Fifteen years' experience as an internationally touring violinist, composer, and electronic musician. Well-developed critical thinking, leadership, project management, writing and editing, research, policy and legislative analysis, and presentation skills, with a strong work ethic and organizational abilities and the capacity to meet strict deadlines.

EDUCATION

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey: The Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy

- Master of City and Regional Planning (MCRP) May 2023
 - Concentration in transportation planning
 - Mortensen/Voorhees Award for Achievement in Transportation Studies
 - Graduate Fellow, Eagleton Institute of Politics, including NJ Senate Majority Office Fellowship
 - Dean's Tuition Scholarship
 - Founding member & inaugural Director of Communication, Bloustein Social Justice Committee

Oberlin Conservatory

- Bachelor of Music (BM) in violin and composition May 2007
 - Pi Kappa Lambda (National Music Honor Society)

Bard College at Simon's Rock

- Associate of Arts (AA) in liberal arts May 2003
 - Division of the Arts Prize
 - Acceleration to Excellence Program – full-tuition merit scholarship (2001-2003)

SKILLS AND APPLICATIONS

- Planning software: ArcGIS (ArcMap and Pro), Stata, Bentley's CUBE
- Coding: Experience with Python in Google Colab including GeoPandas, Matplotlib, & Folium libraries
- Generative AI: Experience with ChatGPT and Claude, including Claude Code
- Microsoft Teams, Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote; equivalent Google products; Canva
- Artistic software: Ableton Live, Sibelius, iMovie, Echoes.xyz (audio geolocation app)
- Communications tools: MailChimp, Slack, Facebook, Instagram, GroupMe
- Languages: proficient French, conversational German, basic Polish & Mandarin Chinese

EXPERIENCE

Pennsylvania DOT Policy Office | Executive Policy Specialist | Harrisburg, PA July 2025 to Present
| William & Hannah Penn Fellow | August 2023 to July 2025

- Led development of PennDOT Community Impacts Strategic Plan
- Provided analysis and recommended positions on draft bills in the PA legislature on EV fees, digital driver's licenses, driver's ed reform, hit-and-runs, e-scooters, and many more
- Assisted in development and review of Department policies and guidance on murals in state right-of-way, EV charging, homeless encampments, highway occupancy permits, Narcan availability, etc.
- Participated in major interagency projects: development of PA's master plan for older adults, Chester City recovery plan, application for federal Sentinel Landscape designation, ChatGPT Enterprise pilot
- Drafted transportation-related program proposals for Governor's Policy Office consideration
- Helped organize internal and interagency efforts related to active transportation and trails
- Served as representative of the PennDOT Policy Office to the Governor's Invasive Species Council, Environmental Justice Interagency Council, internal PennDOT committees, and more

thingNY | Performer, Composer, and Board Member | New York, NY June 2007 to February 2024

- Collaborated to create more than half a dozen evening-length concert experiences with performance, composition, text creation, production, direction, tech, publicity, documentation, and administration all accomplished in-house
- Worked on successful application for 501(c)3 non-profit status
- Partnered on grant-writing netting over a dozen grants from state, city, and private organizations
- With other members, ran marketing, including updates of thingNY.com, email list, social media
- Co-organized concert series supporting local community
- Produced merchandise including well-reviewed albums, books, T-shirts, multimedia items

New Jersey Senate Majority Office | Fellow | Trenton, NJ January to June 2023

- Researched and drafted bill comments and other policy memos for staff on active legislation
- Helped staff prepare for/debrief after voting sessions, committee meetings, and caucus meetings
- Provided analysis of FY2024 Depts of Education, Transportation, and Treasury budgets
- Developed legislative proposal around harm reduction approaches to xylazine/fentanyl combination

Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission | Intern | Philadelphia, PA June to December 2022

- Led study on the state of the practice of long-range regional transportation planning:
 - Developed metrics to select peer Metropolitan Planning Organizations of DVRPC
 - Created a pre-interview survey and interviewed long-term planning teams at 14 MPOs
 - Wrote a white paper published in March 2023

Self-Employed | Freelance Musician | Northeastern US June 2007 to August 2021

- Performed internationally in settings from orchestras to punk bands to theater and dance to solo, recorded on over 50 albums, performed on national TV, played weddings and other event gigs
- Work covered in media including the NY Times, Washington Post, The Wire, The Village Voice, etc.
- Ran own marketing and promotional efforts, including updates of jeffrey-young.com and monthly personal email list
- Joined numerous bands and ensembles after passing high-pressure auditions
- Helped launch New Music Equity Action effort in 2020, including a racial equity pledge for musicians
- Applied for and received individual competitive grants/residencies as lead artist, such as:
 - Styria Artist-in-Residence, 2-month residency and stipend in Graz, Austria, 2019
 - New York Mills Cultural Center, 3-week residency in Minnesota, 2019
 - Opportunity Fund from the City of Boston, municipal arts funding, 2018
 - New Music USA 2013 and 2014 grants for music for dance, 2013-2014

Lucerne Festival Alumni | Part-Time Content Manager | online July 2015 to May 2019

- Served alumni of the Lucerne Festival Academy, a summer training program in Lucerne, Switzerland for orchestral musicians playing 20th and 21st century classical music
- Worked on a team of international content managers supporting and promoting the alumni network, primarily collaborating with team members in Switzerland, Germany, and Belgium
- Helped create an alumni manifesto, organized and supported in-person events, supported usage of an online alumni portal, wrote articles for the alumni blog, and more

New Amsterdam Records | Intern and Booking Agent | New York, NY October 2009–October 2010

- Created press packs and booked touring dates for musicians on the label, including handling contracts with the Library of Congress and other presenters

Natural Resources Defense Council | Membership Department Intern | New York, NY May–August 2007

- Responded to emails from NRDC members and the public, performed data entry tasks