

Environmental leader with over 15 years' experience working at the intersection of climate, energy and environmental issues in California, Hawaii, federally and internationally

EDUCATION

Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs, New York, NY
Master of Public Administration (MPA) in Environmental Science and Policy

Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
Honors Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Environmental Studies, Mellon-Mays Minority Fellow

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Hua Nani Partners 2019-present

- Advisor to major policy, nonprofit and philanthropic organizations on climate change, including: the California-China Climate Institute at UC Berkeley; the Center for American Progress; the US Climate Alliance; the Hawaii State Energy Office; Elemental Excelsior; and the Climate Leadership Initiative.

California Governor's Office 2017-2019

Senior Advisor and Chief Policy Officer, Global Climate Action Summit

- Served as a senior advisor to Governor Jerry Brown and as a member of his senior staff, working to support and implement the breadth of his climate and environmental policy agenda.
- Orchestrated interagency cooperation leading to California's carbon neutrality executive order, called "history's most ambitious climate target" at its launch, committing the state to the goal of carbon neutrality by 2045.
- Drove over 500 new climate commitments for the 2018 Global Climate Action Summit (GCAS), including: over 70 cities setting carbon neutrality commitments, more than 500 companies setting science-based emissions reductions targets, and nearly 400 investors managing \$32 trillion investing in climate solutions. Served as Chief Policy Officer of the Summit, a week-long event with a multimillion-dollar budget and hundreds of staff, which brought together over 5,000 heads of government and other leaders, and resulted in over 3.4B media impressions.
- Built major climate partnerships: the bipartisan US Climate Alliance, a coalition of 25 states representing 55 percent of the US population and a \$11.7 trillion economy; America's Pledge, launched in partnership with Michael Bloomberg, to quantify climate actions by US states, cities and businesses; and We Are Still In, a declaration of support for climate action and the Paris Agreement, signed by almost 4,000 governors, mayors, CEOs, and others.

California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) 2013-2016

Deputy Secretary for Border and Intergovernmental Relations

- Served as a member of the agency's senior executive team, managing a team of staff at CalEPA and coordinating work across CalEPA's boards, departments and offices. Built a strong understanding of personnel, management, and other concerns associated with running a large environmentally focused agency.
- Directed the California-Mexico Border Relations Program. Worked closely with USEPA Region 9 on a variety of issues, including on the US-Mexico Border program. Overhauled the state's plans to clean up the New River, launched a new plan to address waste tires flowing from California into Mexico.
- Led California's international climate and energy diplomacy, including drafting, negotiation and implementation of MOUs, including with Mexico, China on air quality, carbon pricing, vehicle standards, etc. Established

California's international climate strategy in support of the 2015 Paris Agreement, including the paunch of the Under2 Coalition – a group of over 200 states and regions committed to climate action.

Allotrope Partners

2013 (and later in 2016-2017)

Partner

- Advised clients including State Department, international NGOs, Fortune 500 companies on climate finance, advisory, and clean energy projects in emerging markets including Mexico, Vietnam, and Indonesia.

UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate of Energy & Climate Change

2010-2013

International Climate Change Policy Advisor

- Established the first federal climate and clean energy office in the United Arab Emirates, building it into a fully operational 15-person team. Reoriented the UAE's climate-related foreign policy and advised on negotiations at the UN climate talks (UNFCCC), International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), G20, and Rio+20.
- Advised the Minister of Foreign Affairs on the UN Secretary General's High-Level Panel on Global Sustainability, resulting in the creation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS).

UK Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC), Strategy Directorate

2009-2010

Policy Advisor

- Advised Secretary of State Ed Miliband on negotiations with Treasury on politically and commercially sensitive strategy, resulting in a 16.2 percent (£500m) budget increase during a period of severe fiscal consolidation.

EcoSecurities

2007-2009

Senior Manager, US Regulatory Affairs

- Built the Global Regulatory Affairs Group for an international climate-focused startup operating in 20+ countries.

Natural Resources Defense Council

2005-2006

California and Latino Advocacy Outreach Coordinator & Senior Land Attorney Assistant

- Tracked environmental legislation in California and worked on environmental policy across the Western US. Helped launch La Onda Verde, NRDC's bespoke Spanish language website.

SELECTED AWARDS, HONORS, VOLUNTEER WORK & CIVIC LEADERSHIP

- Board Member, Gridworks (2021-present)
- Volunteer, Biden for President, Climate Governance Policy Subcommittee (CEE) Co-Chair (2020)
- Volunteer, Kamala Harris for President, "Climate Plan for the People" (2019)
- Board Member, The Arthur L. Irving Institute for Energy & Society at Dartmouth College (2020-present)
- Non-Resident Fellow, Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University (2020-present)
- Founder, Powerwomen – a database of over 1000 women qualified for political appointments (2020-present)
- Founder/Executive Director, Operation Ohana – a nonprofit helping families through cancer (2019-present)
- Commissioner, *City of Alameda Recreation and Parks Commission* (2019-2021)
- Government Leadership Awardee, C3E Clean Energy & Empowerment Initiative (2018)
- Board Member, Independent Diplomat – a nonprofit diplomatic advisory group (2016-present)
- Term Member, Council on Foreign Relations (2014-2019)
- Board Member/Secretary, The Hawthorn Club – a global network for women in energy (2014-2021)

Language Skills: Proficient in Spanish speaking/writing/comprehension.
