

Diana Boesch

Policy researcher with more than five years of experience and specific skills in analyzing policies and regulations; conducting statistical analysis; writing and communicating complex ideas succinctly; collaborating effectively with teams; and proactively managing projects. Currently working as a Policy Analyst on the Women's Initiative at the Center for American Progress, specializing in women's economic security and work-family policies. Graduated from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota with a Master of Public Policy in gender policy.

POLICY WORK EXPERIENCE

[Center for American Progress](#)

Washington, DC

An independent, nonpartisan, and progressive policy think tank.

Policy Analyst, Women's Initiative

November 2019 – Present

- Contributed to the team's success in advancing progressive policies, especially during the coronavirus crisis, by analyzing federal laws and regulations on paid leave, leading the evaluation of women's employment data, conducting original quantitative research, communicating findings to a broad audience through 8 published products, and collaborating with other CAP teams and external partners.
- Collaborated with coalition partners and helped lead and organize a working group in the Paid Leave for All campaign to research, analyze, and generate policy ideas to improve federal paid leave legislation.
- Managed and led the writing and editing of grant proposals and reports, which helped secure funding renewal for many Women's Initiative grants.

Research Associate, Women's Initiative

August – November 2019

Research Assistant, Women's Initiative

July 2018 – August 2019

- Led the research and writing of 30 solo and co-authored [products](#) to make the case for policies to improve women's economic security; supported senior staff with research, data analysis, and fact-checking; and improved the team's capacity by analyzing federal and state legislative proposals.
- Expanded the team's collaboration with coalition and advocacy partners by increasing communication, strengthening relationships, and adding administrative support.
- Provided proactive administrative support for the Vice President and Senior Fellow of the Women's Initiative, successfully onboarded two new Research Assistants, and supervised an intern.

[Center on Women, Gender, and Public Policy](#)

Minneapolis, MN

A research center at the University of Minnesota that conducts gender policy analysis and host public events.

Graduate Research Assistant

August 2017 – May 2018

- Provided research, writing, and editing support to increase the quality and quantity of blog posts for the [Gender Policy Report](#), including publishing a [blog post](#) on President Trump's nominees.
- Improved the quality and consistency of the Center's bi-weekly newsletters to the Humphrey School of Public Affairs community through writing, editing, and publishing.
- Laid the groundwork for a new leadership program, the [Gender and Intersectional Network Series](#), by researching best practices and similar programs and by helping write the program proposal.

[National Partnership for Women & Families](#)

Washington, DC

A national nonprofit advocacy organization promoting workplace fairness, reproductive rights, & healthcare.

Workplace Programs Advocacy Intern

May – August 2017

- Led the research and writing of a [fact sheet](#) on the opioid epidemic and paid family and medical leave.
- Expanded the Workplace team's capacity by conducting research and analyzing reports and legislation on paid leave, paid sick days, compensatory time, and family responsibilities discrimination laws.
- Improved the Workplace team's publications and presentations by reviewing and evaluating state and federal legislation, fact-checking policies, and analyzing economic and demographic data.

Gender Policy Report

Minneapolis, MN

*A project to create gender analyses of federal policy through the Center on Women, Gender, & Public Policy.***Project Assistant**

February – May 2017

- Provided support in developing a social media strategy for the [Gender Policy Report](#).
- Researched, co-wrote, and edited two policy analyses for website publication.

Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Saint Paul, MN

*A statewide nonprofit supporting sexual assault service organizations through resources and policy advocacy.***Public Policy Intern**

October 2016 – May 2017

- Conducted research and evaluation on adult and child training programs to prevent child sexual abuse, including identifying core training components and summarized findings, to inform Erin's Law policy proposals within MNCASA's working group and the Minnesota House of Representatives.
- Edited literature reviews, summarized survey responses, and created recommendations for MNCASA's report on children with sexual behavior problems for RALIANCE.

OTHER RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE**FSG**

San Francisco, CA

*A mission-driven consulting firm supporting strategic social impact.***Executive Assistant**

March 2015 – July 2016

- Created more efficient systems for assisting two to three Managing Directors, including increasing collaboration and communication with internal teams and external clients.
- Co-led the development and facilitation of internal discussion groups on gender for fifty employees.

Oregon United for Marriage

Portland, OR

*The Oregon grassroots campaign for same-sex marriage.***Finance Associate and Donor Relations**

January – June 2014

- Successfully managed, organized, and led a team in planning a 600-person victory party.
- Coordinated and communicated with donors through conference calls, mailings, and managing events.

EDUCATION**Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota**

Twin Cities, MN

Master of Public Policy

May 2018

Gender and Public Policy concentration

- Capstone: Legislative Avenues and Considerations for Enacting Ethnic Studies Curriculum in Minnesota

Whitman College

Walla Walla, WA

Bachelor of Arts

May 2013

Politics major and Gender Studies minor

- Studied at the SIT Sustainable Development and Social Change program in Jaipur, India, in Spring 2012

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**Union Subunit Lead**

June 2019 – June 2020

*Center for American Progress Union, NPEU/IPFTE Local 70.***President of GSPEC**

May 2017 – May 2018

*Gender, Sex, & Policy Event Committee (GSPEC) student organization at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs.***Master of Public Policy PASA Representative**

February 2017 – March 2018

*Public Affairs Student Association (PASA) at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs.***Leaders of Today and Tomorrow (LOTT) Fellow**

January – April 2017

A professional development program for young women in Minnesota.