

ERIC WERWA, PH.D.

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Dedicated, loyal, dependable, adaptable team player with over 18 years of Congressional experience. Deep and broad knowledge of science policy and legislative process, procedure, and history, both authorization and appropriations. Proven success developing legislative strategy and building coalitions to achieve a variety of policy goals. Supportive teacher and mentor who fosters development of collaborative team of staff and fellows.

Professional Experience:

1/18-present **Congresswoman Deb Haaland**, Washington, DC **Legislative Director**

- Helped stand up a new member office, establishing procedures, training staff, and building a legislative agenda. Continue leading and mentoring a team of legislative staff and fellows.
- Coordinated efforts to enable freshman member to win election as a subcommittee chair and committee vice-chair. Serve as primary staff member for Natural Resources Committee and National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands subcommittee, which she chairs.
- Primary staff member handling energy, environment, water, climate change, science, technology, transportation, telecommunications, government reform, elections, campaign finance, and budget issues.

6/17-1/18 **Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard**, Washington, DC **Legislative Director**

- Lead a team of 5 legislative staff and fellows, oversee the implementation of Congresswoman's legislative agenda, develop strategy to advance priorities such as the Congresswoman's Dream Act.
- Primary staff member on science, technology, transportation, and issues; Commerce, Justice, Science and Transportation-HUD Appropriations subcommittees; and Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform. Support the Congresswoman's work as Ranking Member of the Homeland Security Subcommittee and as a member of the Labor, HHS, Education Subcommittee.

10/01-1/17 **Congressman Michael M. Honda**, Washington, DC **Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director**

- Developed and executed program to secure over \$1.3 billion in federal funding for the district.
- Led efforts on the \$3.6 billion 21st Century Nanotechnology Research and Development Act.
- Managed and mentored legislative staff and fellows (average 7 at once, approximately 50 in total), oversaw development and execution of legislative agenda, monitored and identified opportunities to advance priorities.
- Staffed Congressman on the Appropriations, Science, and Transportation and Infrastructure Committees and on issues in the jurisdictions of the Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Judiciary, Natural Resources, and Education and Workforce Committees. Lead staffer for the Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water; Defense; Transportation-HUD; and Interior and Environment Appropriations subcommittees.
- Built and employed extensive network of contacts on Capitol Hill through organizations such as the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, Congressional Progressive Caucus, Asian Pacific American Caucus, and Stennis Fellows, as well as with federal agency officials and the advocacy community to develop policy proposals and advocacy strategies to advance priorities.
- Expertise in drafting and tracking legislation and amendments; analyzing legislative and budget proposals in preparation for hearings, markups, and meetings; and drafting official correspondence.
- Experience working with communications team on message development and execution of communications strategy, including: drafting opinion pieces and background materials; preparing speaking points for public appearances and press conferences; and preparing and delivering presentations for constituent town halls, professional societies, industry groups and conferences.
- Positions held: Materials Research Society/Optical Society of America AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellow (2001-2002), Legislative Assistant (2002-2004), Senior Legislative Assistant (2004-2006), Ranking Member's Designee to the Energy Subcommittee (2005-2006), Legislative Director (2006-2013), and Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director (2013-2017).

9/97-6/01 **Otterbein University**, Westerville, OH **Assistant Professor, Physics and Astronomy**

- Taught introductory and advanced physics and astronomy courses. Developed interdisciplinary course *Energy, Science, and Society* and taught *Our Place in the Universe*. Served on Academic Council, Administrative & Appeals Councils, Environmental Studies Committee, and as Sorority Adviser.

DR. ERIC WERWA

Education:

9/92-8/97 **Ph.D., Electronic Materials, Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

- Thesis: *The Role of Quantum Confinement in the Visible Photoluminescence from Silicon Nanoparticles* (Advisor: Dr. Kirk Kolenbrander, MIT Vice President). Minor: Management of technological innovation. Fabricated and characterized semiconductor nanostructures. Coordinated department educational outreach. Teaching Assistant for course *Electronic, Optical, and Magnetic Materials and Devices*.

9/88-6/92 **B.S.Eng.** (Summa cum Laude), **Materials Science and Engineering, University of Pennsylvania**

Related Experience:

- Served as a volunteer member of the Biden for President Climate/Energy/Environment Policy Committee and Science Policy Committee.
- Supported Congresswoman Haaland's work on the Biden Climate Engagement Advisory Council.
- Member of Materials Research Society (Government Affairs Committee and *MRS Bulletin* Editorial Board), American Physical Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Xi.
- Honors: 114th Congress Stennis Fellow; 2001-2002 MRS/OSA Congressional Science and Engineering Fellow; Student Organization Adviser of the Year and Recognition of Meritorious Service; John Wulff Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award; NSF Graduate Fellow; AT&T Bell Laboratories Ph.D. Scholar; 3M Corporation Graduate Fellow; Starr Graduate Fellow; Benjamin Franklin Scholar.