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## Top Skills

Microsoft Word  
Microsoft Excel  
PowerPoint

## Languages

English (Native or Bilingual)  
Spanish (Professional Working)  
Hindi (Limited Working)

## Certifications

200 Hour Yoga Teacher Training

## Honors-Awards

Julie Kennedy Public Service  
Scholars Award  
Department of Anthropology  
Undergraduate Commencement  
Award  
Stanford Women of Impact Award  
Stanford University Public Service  
Honors Society  
Stanford Earth Dean's Award

## Publications

Greening the Wedding  
Robert Owen's 'No Place': The New  
Harmony Utopian Experiment

# Riya Mehta

Chief of Staff, USDA Farm Service Agency  
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

## Experience

### USDA Farm Service Agency

1 year 10 months

#### Chief of Staff

September 2022 - Present (1 year)

#### Policy Advisor

November 2021 - September 2022 (11 months)

Washington, D.C.

### U.S. House of Representatives

2 years 8 months

#### Policy Advisor

April 2021 - November 2021 (8 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

As Policy Advisor to U.S. Congressman Jimmy Panetta (CA-20), I lead a portfolio that includes agriculture, environment, energy, and infrastructure. I also oversee several of the Congressman's appropriations priorities.

#### Legislative Assistant

April 2019 - April 2021 (2 years 1 month)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

### United States Senate

#### Legislative Fellow

September 2018 - April 2019 (8 months)

Washington, DC

As a John Gardner Public Service Fellow with the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Ranking Member Debbie Stabenow, D-MI), I worked on a legislative portfolio that included the 2018 Farm Bill, U.S. agricultural trade policy, and global food security.

### Stanford University

#### Guest Lecturer

2019 - 2019 (less than a year)

- Presented guest lecture on global food security for Stanford's Food and Security seminar
- Presented guest lecture on the 2018 Farm Bill for Stanford's upper-division World Food Economy course

## Stanford University

Teaching Assistant for Earth Systems 61Q: Food and Security  
September 2017 - December 2017 (4 months)

Stanford, CA

Assisted with formulating the syllabus, facilitating class discussions, and grading student assignments

## Landesa

Stanford in Government Fellow  
June 2017 - August 2017 (3 months)

Seattle, Washington

- Selected through a competitive process to conduct legal research on corporate farmland acquisitions, which informed Landesa's work with the Chinese government in updating China's rural land takings laws
- Wrote application to the Women and Gender Constituency of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which enabled Landesa to participate in the 2017 Conference of the Parties (COP 23); subsequently prepared a research brief on women's land rights and climate change for COP 23

## World Food Programme

Research and Policy Intern at the United Nations  
June 2016 - September 2016 (4 months)

Rome, Italy

- Attended and prepared written summaries for weekly Operational Task Force meetings dealing with the ongoing food security crises in Syria, Iraq, and Southern Africa
- Conducted research on staple grains and diet diversity and corresponded with sustainability-oriented chefs from around the world to plan a series of global advocacy dinners in conjunction with the World Economic Forum's annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland, in January 2017

## Roberta F. Farrell, L.L.C.

Legal Intern  
June 2014 - August 2014 (3 months)

Kansas City, MO

- Wrote documents in support of I-601 Waivers to prove that a U.S. citizen or permanent resident would suffer extreme hardship should their undocumented family member be forced to leave the country
- Served as a liaison between the lawyer and paralegals at the firm and their Spanish-speaking clients

## Centre for Urban and Regional Excellence

Intern

July 2013 - August 2013 (2 months)

New Delhi, India

- Conducted educational workshops focused on improving water security and sanitation facilities in East Delhi slums
- Analyzed the feasibility of utilizing already-existing infrastructure for water and sanitation facilities in slums in Agra, Uttar Pradesh, India, and contributed research to the organization's final assessment report

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## Education

Stanford University

Bachelor of Science in Earth Systems, Minor in Spanish

Stanford University

Wrigley Field Program in Hawai'i, Environmental Science