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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

Student, Stanford Law School
Stanford, California, United States

Experience

Open Markets Institute
Louis Brandeis Law and Political Economy Fellow
June 2024 - Present (6 months)
Washington, D.C.

USDA Farm Service Agency
1 year 9 months
Chief of Staff
September 2022 - July 2023 (11 months)

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 led a portfolio that includes agriculture, environment, energy, and infrastructure. I also oversaw 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

Education

Stanford Law School

Doctor of Law - JD · (August 2023 - June 2026)

Stanford University

Bachelor of Science in Earth Systems, Minor in Spanish

Stanford University

Wrigley Field Program in Hawai'i, Environmental Science