

MARY WERDEN

202-365-5634 • Mary.Werden@gmail.com
880 New Jersey Avenue SE #1024 Washington, DC 20003

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Communications Director, Office of Congressman Bill Foster (D-IL) 2016-present

- Develop and execute a communications plan for print, digital, and earned media for Member of Congress
- Launched a successful digital media platform to amplify the Congressman's profile on state and national level that resulted in 30,000 new organic Twitter followers
- Prepare and brief the Congressman for interviews with radio, television, and newspaper outlets
- Lead communications team to magnify district events based on breaking news and constituent concerns
- Author and place op-eds in major newspapers to position the Congressman as a thought leader on science and economic issues

Communications Director, David Trone For Congress 2015-2016

- Designed and oversaw the implementation of the campaign's communications plan, including social media strategy, press releases, blogs, and policy positions on the campaign's website
- Briefed candidate on high level democratic policy positions, including choice, healthcare, and Social Security for Congressional race in Maryland
- Researched, analyzed, and developed major policy positions for campaign platform
- Wrote and discussed talking points with candidate prior to media appearances
- Served as primary point of contact with reporters at major national newspapers, including the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and the *Baltimore Sun*, and gave on the record comments

Assistant Editor, *Diplomatic History*, Indiana University 2014-2015

- Evaluated over 80 manuscripts annually for publication viability in peer-reviewed journal on U.S. diplomacy, foreign relations, and security issues with 5 issues per year
- Pitched ideas to editorial board on potential topics for upcoming issues
- Made recommendations on manuscripts for publication
- Solicited articles from leading experts in the field of diplomatic history

Fulbright Scholar, Fulbright Institute of International Education, Poland 2012-2013

- Conducted doctoral research in foreign archives and libraries on modernization and development
- Delivered lectures on higher education in the United States for teachers and counselors
- Fostered cross cultural relationships with scholars at Polish universities

Associate and Course Instructor, Department of History, Indiana University 2010-2012

- Wrote and led lectures and discussions with over 60 students in American and European history courses
- Developed multi-disciplinary pedagogical approaches for humanities instruction
- Inspired students with interactive learning curriculum to generate academic improvement

Paralegal, Cleary Gottlieb Steen and Hamilton LLP, Washington, D.C. 2008-2009

- Analyzed research and litigation documents for submission to U.S. Department of Justice and European Court of Human Rights
- Prepared exhibits and preparatory materials for depositions in major antitrust litigation cases
- Executed the successful organization of asset backed securities, including collateralized debt obligations

Volunteer, Peace Corps, Republic of Moldova

2006-2007

- Taught English as a foreign language to over 70 middle and high school students
- Negotiated and adapted new grading policies in post-Soviet educational system
- Developed new lesson plans and teaching techniques to improve students' knowledge of English

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in History, Indiana University

2015

M.A. in History, Indiana University

2010

B.A. in History with Highest Honors, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2006

Graduated with Distinction

Languages: Polish (advanced), German (intermediate), Romanian (intermediate)