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EDUCATION

PhD. in Policy Analysis
Pardee RAND Graduate School

Expected June 2025
Santa Monica, Calif.

MPH in Prevention Science
Emory University

Aug. 2019
Atlanta, Ga.

Post-baccalaureate Certificate in Pre-medical Studies
University of Southern California

May. 2016
Los Angeles, Calif.

BA in Spanish
University of Nevada, Reno

Aug. 2014
Reno, Nev.

WORK EXPERIENCE

McMaster-Carr Supply Co.
Business Operations Specialist

April 2017-Sept. 2020
Los Angeles, Calif.

- Offered frontline business support to customers needing product information, account support, order assistance, marketing support, and merchandising.
- Answered questions concerning the company's 500,000+ product offering, including technical data, safety information, and specifications.

Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation
Program Evaluation Intern

Jan. 2019-July 2019
Seattle, Wash. (Remote)

- Assisted with the program evaluation of the Regional Malaria Elimination Initiative's efforts in Latin America for the Inter-American Development Bank.
- Prepared topic guides and instructions for fact-finding trips with policymakers and stakeholders in Honduras.

PRN Ambulance, Inc.
Emergency Medical Technician

Jan. 2016-April 2017
Los Angeles, Calif.

- Worked in both 911 and interfacility transportation systems, along with Los Angeles County's psychiatric emergency response team.
- Treated and prepared patients for transportation to nearest appropriate emergency department or to facilities with necessary levels of specialty care.

U.S. Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Land Management
Firefighter

June 2008-Aug. 2014 (Seasonal)
Winnemucca, Nev. and Miles City, Mont.

- Suppressed and prevented wildfires as a squad leader of up to six firefighters on a light helicopter in Miles City, Mont. and heavy fire engines in Winnemucca, Nev.
- Performed basic emergency response on nearby highways and assisted in search and rescue on Federal public lands.
- Advocated in internal planning for adoption of short-haul helicopter rescue systems.
- Certified as primary incident commander for low-complexity responses and as fire line EMT.

The Santiago Times
Deputy Editor

Feb. 2013-Oct. 2013
Santiago, Chile

- Oversaw daily newsgathering operations, copy editing and assisted the editor in chief of Chile's largest English-language daily news website.
- Managed a newsroom of 12-15 reporters and coordinated intern hiring and development.

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RESEARCH PAPERS

- Sanko, S. G., Zhang, H., Lane, C., Flinders, A., Reddy, P., Cassella, L., Balagna, J., Sidhu, S., & Eckstein, M. (2016). 155 Classification of Bystander CPR Using 911-Call Review Versus Field Report. *Annals of Emergency Medicine*, 68(4), S62.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.annemergmed.2016.08.16>
- Kashani, S., Ito, T., Guggenheim, A., Sanko, S., Sidhu, S., Balagna, J., Green, J. L., Wong, C., & Eckstein, M. (2016). 88 Implementation of a Nurse Practitioner Response Unit in an Urban EMS System. *Annals of Emergency Medicine*, 68(4), S37.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.annemergmed.2016.08.099>
- Sanko, S. G., Lane, C., Flinders, A., Reddy, P., Kashani, S., Cassella, L., Balagna, J., Sidhu, S., & Eckstein, M. (2016). 15 Impact of a New Medical Dispatch System on Telecommunicator-Assisted CPR. *Annals of Emergency Medicine*, 68(4), S7.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.annemergmed.2016.08.025>

RESEARCH JOURNAL EDITORIALS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Balagna, J., Williams, C. R., Wang, J., Burch, S., Dalton, E., Kirchick, J., & Sosa, P. (2020). Consensus-Driven Approach for Decision-Making in Diverse Groups. *American Journal of Public Health*, 110(1), 5–5. <https://doi.org/10.2105/ajph.2019.305427>
- Burch, S., Williams, C. R., Balagna, J., Wang, J., Kirchick, J., & Dalton, E. (2019). AJPH STUDENT THINK TANK COMMENTS. *American Journal of Public Health*, 109(6), 848–848.
<https://doi.org/10.2105/ajph.2019.305103>
- Balagna, J. (2014). Midtown Revival. In Deutschman, Alan (Ed.), *Sagebrushed: Coming of Age and Working in Nevada* (pp. 49-57). Baobab Press.

- Co-author of the Emory University Humanitarian Emergency Response Team’s Global Emergency Brief, a bi-weekly online publication of ongoing and emerging humanitarian emergencies distributed to Emory University faculty and staff at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- Reporting published in *The Nevada Sagebrush*, *The Huffington Post*, *CBS News*, *New York Daily News*, *Scripps Howard Foundation Wire*, *Abilene Reporter-News*, *Midland Reporter-Telegram*, *San Angelo Standard-Times*, *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*, *The Santiago Times* (Chile), *Irish Independent* (Ireland) and *Hotelier International* (United Kingdom)

DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS

Outstanding Scholar in Hispanic Cultures, University of Nevada, Reno (award) (2014), University of Nevada, Reno College of Liberal Arts Dean’s List (award) (2014), Outstanding Print Journalism Student, University of Nevada, Reno (award and merit-based scholarship) (2010), Governor Guinn Nevada Millennium Scholar (merit-based scholarship) (2008-2014), Presidential Scholar, University of Nevada, Reno (merit-based scholarship) (2008-2012)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: English (native); Spanish (advanced)
Experience in quantitative and qualitative research methods in both academia and journalism
Strong interviewing, editing and writing skills
Basic R; SAS; statistical analysis skills.
Emergency response skills, including incident command, frontline leadership, emergency medical response, air base radio operations and logistical coordination
Graphic design skills including publication layout and infographic creation