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Education:

The University of Pittsburgh:

PhD in European Intellectual History

MA in European Intellectual History

University of Missouri

BA in History

Career Development:

Nonprofit Leadership

Executive Director, Allies for Children

Pittsburgh, PA 2013-Present

- Serve as inaugural executive director of child advocacy nonprofit
- Play leading role in Campaign for Fair Education Funding, serving as executive committee member, mobilization committee co-chairperson and Southwestern Pennsylvania spokesperson
- Launch Healthy Together, a healthcare enrollment campaign with the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County Health Department, the Consumer Health Coalition and Allies for Children
- Serve as United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania's Allegheny Partners for Out-of-School Time (APOST) executive committee member

Electoral Politics

City Councilman, City of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, PA 2008-2013

- Ran 2007 grassroots campaign against entrenched member of the Democratic Party establishment
- Recruited hundreds of volunteers in high voter turn-out race, which led to winning election by 91 votes
- Ran 2011 re-election against mayoral backed candidate and won Democratic Party Primary with 65 percent of vote
- Chaired Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs from 2008 to 2013; responsible for shepherding legislation worth \$100's of millions for economic development
- Led important initiatives, including:
 - 2012: Veolia Water of NA provided Interim Executive Management Services at Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority for 12 to 18 months and saved the authority as a public asset
 - 2011: "Our Library Our Future" voter initiative; 72 percent Yes vote; won all but six voting precincts in the City of Pittsburgh

- 2010: Proposed alternatives to mayor's \$400 million Parking Privatization Plan and successfully accomplished goals set by the Pennsylvania State Legislature; built a 7-2 council majority; passed legislation over mayoral veto
- 2009: Founding member of CONNECT, which promotes improved relations and operations between City of Pittsburgh and 35 adjacent municipalities
- 2008: Launched Council-to-Go; crafted a citywide bike-pedestrian agenda that has been implemented by two mayors

Candidate for Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, PA 2009

- Ran for mayor of City of Pittsburgh against incumbent mayor with a \$1 million war chest
- Pointed out the corruption of the administration
- Provided an alternative policy agenda and offered a real governance choice for the voters

Board of Director, Pittsburgh Board of Education

Pittsburgh, PA 2003–2007

- Ran grassroots campaign against sitting school board president and entrenched member of the Democratic Party establishment
- Worked with colleagues to form a new relationship between the board of directors and superintendent based on an "Accountability Contract"
- Chaired the Board's Education Committee and helped shepherd some of the most important education reform measures through board votes

Education

Teacher, Department of History, Ellis School

Pittsburgh PA 2000–2007

- Worked in an all-girls school and served as minority male faculty member; worked closely with students in the subject areas of History and Economics; once taught a course on "Ali & the Civil Rights Movement"

Teacher, Department of History, Winchester Thurston

Pittsburgh PA 1998-2000

Teaching Fellow, Department of History, The University of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, PA 1991-1998

Appointments to Authorities and Nonprofit Boards

2016-2018: Advisory Team Member, Greater Pittsburgh Nonprofit Partnership

2015-Present: Board Member, Pittsburgh Foundation

Life Trustee: Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh



2011: Co-Chairperson of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's, "Our Library Our Future" Voter Referendum
2013-2017: Board Member, East Liberty Presbyterian Church
2009-2013: Board Member, Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority
2008-2012: Board Member, Riverlife
2008-2013: Board Member, Zoological Society of Pittsburgh