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Summary

Twenty years experience in Democratic and Progressive campaigns and advocacy, including directing fieldwork and outreach for state and national campaigns, managing State House races, and, recently, as a widely-endorsed candidate for the Maine Legislature. Extensive experience in applying emerging technologies to politics, including blogs, GPS-enhanced databases and mobile VSAT applications.

Current Projects

Developing and implementing a VSAT-based mobile field office model, utilizing DSL-speed mobile satellite internet technology to provide wireless internet and VoIP access to areas beyond DSL and cell-tower access. Currently writing a guidebook on travel, for pleasure or necessity, with autistic or developmentally-challenged children.

Political Experience

CAMPAIGN MANAGER, ELIZABETH TRICE FOR MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Portland, Maine, 09/04–11/04

Managed all aspects of the campaign for former Green-Independent Party opponent, the only Progressive, pro-choice, property-tax reform candidate remaining on the ballot. Candidate placed second in three-way race, taking 34% of the vote in a district with only 3% registered Green-Independents.

FIELD COORDINATOR, KERRY-EDWARDS COORDINATED CAMPAIGN, Portland, Maine,
08/04–09/04

Coordinated all field and volunteer contacts and activities in the 1st CD, including canvassing, house parties and voter ID. Initially hired by state campaign manager as state field director; resigned to take local campaign manager position upon the urging and support of DNC-appointed state executive director.

CANDIDATE, MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 116, Portland, Maine,
02/04–06/04

Received 49% of ballots cast (25 vote deficit) in Democratic primary against former mayor of Portland. Endorsed by Maine's Dirigo Alliance, a coalition of the state's largest Progressive organizations, and the Portland Press Herald (opponent received no public endorsements.) Utilized campaign blog, Williams4Me.Org, to inform voters and raise 95% of all funds for campaign. Widely viewed as the first established blogger to run for state or national office.

TREASURER AND VICE-CHAIR, PORTLAND DEMOCRATIC CITY COMMITTEE, Portland,
Maine 01/03–11/04

Finance director for Maine's largest municipal Democratic Party, responsible for fundraising, accounting and financial reporting. Assumed vice-chair responsibilities as well in 2003, supporting the Chair in the revitalization and reorganization of the Party in preparation for the 2004 election cycle. Planned and coordinated the Portland City Presidential Caucus, the largest in Maine.

**Political
Experience
Continued**

DEPUTY FIELD AND OUTREACH DIRECTOR, GORE-LIEBERMAN COORDINATED CAMPAIGN, Portland, Maine 06/00–11/00

Developed and implemented plan for outreach to important Democratic constituencies in Maine, including American Indians, GLBT, seniors, labor and environmental groups. Responsible for overseeing activities of four regional field offices. Organized GOTV operations for Brunswick-Bath for Election Day, achieving record turnout in the region.

DEPUTY FIELD DIRECTOR, CLINTON-GORE COORDINATED CAMPAIGN, Hartford, Connecticut, 07/92–11/92

Joined campaign as a volunteer, hired within first month to assist the state field director in voter registration activities, absentee ballot coordination and GOTV planning and implementation. Oversaw Election Day operations in New Haven and surrounding communities.

**Advocacy
Experience**

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE, MAINE CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION TASK FORCE, Augusta, Maine, 02/04–06/05

Sole public member of the federally-mandated state committee charged with developing a plan for the eradication of childhood lead poisoning by 2010.

FOUNDER AND CO-EDITOR, WAMPUM, an Online Journal of Progressive Politics, Autism Advocacy and Indian Issues (<http://wampum.wabanaki.net>)

Instrumental in pressuring Senators Snowe and Collins to withdraw their support for the last minute amendment to the 2002 Homeland Security Bill. Host of the annual Koufax Awards, recognizing the best in blogging in the Progressive online community.

MERCURY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT, MAINE PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE, Portland, Maine, 06/02–06/05

Provided no-charge assistance and advice to aid MPA's development of a statewide mercury reduction policy. Held press conferences to promote environmental advocacy positions.

FOUNDER, MAINE FEAT (FAMILIES FOR EFFECTIVE AUTISM TREATMENT), Portland, Maine 01/00–12/02

Organized state chapter of the national organization promoting increased funding, wider research and better treatments options for individuals with autism and autism-spectrum disorders.

Education

PhD Candidate in Anthropology (ABD), UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, AMHERST, 1999

MALS, Historical Archaeology, WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, MIDDLETOWN, CT 1995

M.Ed., Social Studies, WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, MIDDLETOWN, CT, 1990

BA, History, Political Science, International Relations, SIMMONS COLLEGE, BOSTON, MA, 1986