

Work Experience:

- 01/19 – Present **Senator, Senate District 34 (North, West, and Downtown Denver), State of Colorado** Denver, CO
- Vice Chair, Judiciary committee. Member, Finance and Appropriations committees.
 - Focus on criminal justice reform, equality for noncitizens and people of color, and affordable housing issues.
 - As a first-time candidate, won contested primary with 63% of the vote, and 2018 general election with 83% of vote.
- 04/17 – Present **Contract Trainer, New American Leaders** National
- Train New American candidates to utilize the immigrant experience as an asset in civic engagement.
 - Educate participants on how to message, target, fundraise, and become a successful candidate or campaign staffer.
- 02/17 – 08/19 **Policy Director, Meyer Law Office, PC** Denver, CO
- Connect policymakers and media to clients directly impacted by broken immigration and criminal justice systems.
 - Serve as paralegal to detained immigrant clients litigating in multiple jurisdictions to reunite with their families.
 - Supervise paralegals and support four attorneys to fight the deportation regime.
- 03/16 – 11/16 **Persuasion CO-06 Field Director, Colorado Democratic Party** Aurora, CO
- Managed six field organizers for targeted persuasion effort within broader Coordinated field program of 24+ FOs.
 - Aligned field plans, metrics, volunteer management, and reporting among the Carroll for Colorado campaign, the DCCC, and the Colorado Democratic Party.
 - Advised congressional candidate for in-district meetings with grassroots leaders and assisted in debate preparation.
- 03/12 – 03/16 **Firm Manager, Meyer Law Office, PC** Denver, CO
- Managed all contracts and billing for 300 clients with criminal cases in multiple jurisdictions across the state and/or through all aspects of immigration proceedings.
 - Supervised three paralegals and support four attorneys to fight the deportation regime.
 - Assisted detained clients and their families to navigate the criminal justice and deportation systems.
 - Managed internal systems to maximize efficiency, avoid bureaucracy, and provide excellent legal service to clients.
- 11/08 – 04/12 **Director of Organizing, Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition** Denver, CO
- Led state and federal advocacy efforts of 65 member organizations and allies against anti-immigrant legislation and enforcement programs, while advocating for just immigration policies.
 - Supervised three regional organizing staff to maintain and expand statewide coalition membership.
 - Built and strengthened relationships with elected officials, national allies, foundations, and media.
 - Trained established and emerging leaders in campaign strategy, message development, and coalition building.
- 09/09 – 06/10 **State Director, Reform Immigration FOR America** Denver, CO
- Created strategic alliances with business, Latino, civic engagement, faith, agricultural and labor sectors to garner Colorado congressional delegation support for comprehensive immigration reform legislation.
 - Built mobile phone action network and email list of 10,000+ Colorado-based immigration reform supporters.
 - Facilitated and recruited emerging leaders for three movement-building trainings in Florida, Colorado, and Nevada.
- 07/06 – 11/08 **Director of Youth Organizing, Padres y Jóvenes Unidos** Denver, CO
- Oversaw youth-led district-wide campaign to ensure effective implementation of “College Prep for All” curriculum within Denver Public Schools, leading to the redesign of North High School.
 - Supervised and trained three youth organizers to implement campaigns in coordination with parent organizers.
 - Drafted and ran legislation to allow undocumented Colorado high school graduates to pay in-state college tuition.
- 06/05 – 05/06 **Organizer, Front Range Economic Strategy Center** Denver, CO
- Revitalized 58-member coalition to win community benefits agreement at a major Denver transit-oriented redevelopment site through community meetings, events, press conferences, and rallies.
 - Supported organizing of historic 2006 immigration marches, rallies, and walkouts against anti-immigrant legislation.

Education:

- 08/01 – 05/05 Yale University, Double B.A. in History and Ethnicity, Race, & Migration New Haven, CT
- Yale Latino Alumni Prize recipient, 2005
 - 3.41 GPA
 - Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship recipient, 2003-2005

Community Involvement and Recognition:

05/19	Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network , Immigrant Liberty Award recipient	Denver, CO
10/17	Civil Rights Education and Enforcement Center , Just Getting it Done award recipient	Denver, CO
10/15	Wellstone Action and SEIU , Advanced Campaign Management Training participant	Las Vegas, NV
01/13 – 05/15	Colorado Latino Forum , statewide board member and co-chair	Denver, CO
05/15	Latinas First Foundation , Unsung Heroine Award	Denver, CO
10/13	Escuela Tlatelolco , Spirit of Tlatelolco Public Service Award	Denver, CO
09/12	Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition , Activist of the Year	Denver, CO
06/05 – 06/12	Café Cultura Collective , poetry and open mic collective member and participant	Denver, CO
08/10 – 11/10	National Hispana Leadership Institute , ALL-IN program participant	Washington, DC
08/07 – 04/09	United We DREAM , founding board member	National

Skills:

- Written and spoken English/Spanish fluency
- Volunteer recruitment and engagement
- Proficient in VAN
- Organizing and powerbuilding experience
- Public speaking and earned media credentials
- Technology and social media savvy