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Education

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- PhD**
MPhil, M.A.
2001-2013
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York, NY, American History
Focused on 20th century American politics and culture, particularly 1890-1945. GPA 3.93. PhD dissertation examined persistence of progressives and progressivism in the 1920s.
- B.A. magna cum laude**
1993-1997
HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, MA, American History
Honors Thesis surveyed Western progressive attitudes towards the New Deal. GPA 3.60. Wrote for *Harvard Crimson*, *Harvard Independent*, and *Harvard Magazine*. Wrote for and supervised creation of *Let's Go New York City*, travel guides sold worldwide. Coxed Harvard Varsity Lightweight crew to EARC/National Championships. Chosen All-Ivy 1997.
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- Work Experience*
- Senior Manager for Public Affairs**
2014-Present
NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION, Washington, DC
Composes speeches, op-eds, talking points, briefings, and press releases for president and CEO of the nation's foremost preservation advocacy organization, as well as reports, statements, and mission documents for the Trust. Researched and wrote *The Past and Future City*, a concise introduction to the economic, social, cultural, and historic value of preservation & building reuse, named one of Planetizen's "top planning books for 2017."
- Speechwriter**
2009-2014
OFFICE OF ROSA DELAURO (CT-3), Washington, DC
Composed speeches, talking points, briefings, statements, press releases, and editorials for appropriator and senior member of the Democratic leadership on all facets of policy and legislation before the House, as well as on political issues and community concerns in the District. Also fulfilled press duties as needed and served as legislative aide on a number of issues, including campaign finance reform, voting reform, and space policy.
- Writer/Editor**
2001-Present
OFFICE OF BILL PRESS, Washington, DC
Worked with Democratic pundit on nine books: *Spin This!*, on modern political persuasion; *Bush Must Go!*, on the 2004 elections; *How the Republicans Stole Christmas*, on GOP distortions of religion; *Trainwreck*, on conservatism in crisis; *Toxic Talk*, on right-wing talk radio; *Obama Hate Machine*, on the brothers Koch; *Buyers Remorse*, on the Obama era; *From the Left*, a memoir; and *Trump Must Go*, on excesses of the current administration.
- Special Asst. for Policy and Communications**
2000-2001
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, Washington, DC
Composed speeches, talking points, briefings, press releases, and op-eds for FCC Chairman William E. Kennard. Extensively researched pertinent industries and synthesized complex telecom issues into concise, coherent prose.
- Writer/ Collaborator**
1997-2000
OFFICE OF JAMES CARVILLE, Washington, DC
Collaborated with Democratic strategist/senior Clinton advisor on *And the Horse He Rode In On*, a NYT best-selling inquiry into the conduct of the Office of Independent Counsel during the Whitewater/Lewinsky investigations. Structured narrative, conducted research and interviews, and wrote volume. Penned op-eds, speeches, and talking points.
- Freelance Writer/Historian**
2000-Present
Composed speeches, talking points, statements, op-eds, and other writing as needed for various clients, including the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), McGraw-Hill Publishers, and former Prime Minister of Yugoslavia Milan Panic. Also worked with historians Robert C. Williams on *The Historian's Toolbox*, a primer, and Alan Brinkley on his popular college-level textbooks.
- Interests:** Film, Science Fiction, Politics, Basketball, History, Soccer, Contemporary Culture.
- Writing samples:** Available on request, and at kevincmurphy.com/biography.html and /writings.html.