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Hometown

Portland, Oregon

Recent positions include:

Regional Transit Coordinator, Portland Metro

About

After graduating from DePaul, I spent several years working as an analyst for Chicago's economic development agency. In 2017, I relocated to Portland, OR, where I found work in transportation, first with a nonprofit called Westside Transportation Alliance, and now with the Oregon Department of Transportation.

My current role with ODOT's Public Transportation Division entails grant and project management with local governments and public transportation providers throughout the Portland metro area and surrounding rural areas. In my free time, you can find me adventuring in the outdoors, biking on one of Portland's many greenways, or doing yoga with my cat, Freddie Mercury.

Notable memory

I especially appreciated the overnight trips as they were such an immersive opportunity to learn about a city. Even if it was a place that you thought you knew well, you were bound to discover plenty of new and interesting perspectives. The trips were also a great way to build relationships with fellow scholars, some of whom I keep in touch with today.