

# Marianna Smith

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## Professional Experience

### **Office of Congressman Rep. Juan Vargas (CA-51)**

*Legislative Fellow*

Washington, DC  
June 2019-Present

- Drafting and reviewing bill language for the House Foreign Affairs and Financial Services Committees
- Meeting with constituents and summarizing their opinions and requests for the congressman
- Staffing the congressman in committee and at events to provide him with research to make informed decisions

### **Meridian International Center, Center for Diplomatic Exchanges and Trainings**

*Program Coordinator, Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative (YLAI)*

Washington, DC  
April 2018-May 2019

- Supporting economic prosperity in the Americas by implementing a five-week Fellowship for Latin American Entrepreneurs
- Facilitating cross-cultural partnerships and community programs by implementing Reverse Exchanges for U.S. business owners
- Managing YLAI alumni relations through Innovation Small Grants and the YLAI social media platforms
- Supporting ongoing business development by acting as proposal coordinator for opportunities in the public and private sector

### **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services**

*Migrant Program Worker*

Benton Harbor, Michigan  
May 2017-March 2018

- Wrote policy briefs to update migrants and farmers on changes in immigration and labor policies
- Managed a caseload of Medicaid and Supplement Nutritional Assistance cases for migrants and seasonal farmers
- Conducted outreach to assist in applying for social services, ensure proper housing, and to report signs of trafficking

### **U.S. Department of State**

*Public Affairs Intern*

La Paz, Bolivia  
October-December 2016

- Coordinated logistics for the national workshop on preserving Bolivian cultural patrimony
- Reviewed the content and budget of grant proposals for the Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation
- Wrote and edited diplomatic cables to inform colleagues in Washington D.C. on progress of mission goals

### **Indian Public Diplomacy Initiative**

*U.S. Department of State Grant Recipient*

New Delhi, India  
June-August 2016

- Created and implemented a 2-month Model UN learning curriculum for over 200 Indian students at Shiv Nadar School
- Organized a MUN conference in Delhi through coordination with the executive board of the Shiv Nadar Foundation
- Fostered a partnership between Alma College and Shiv Nadar School, allowing for students to pursue college in the U.S.

## Activities

### **YWCA**

*GED Tutor*

Washington, DC  
July 2018-Present

- Leading one-on-one and group tutoring in math and language arts for women studying for the GED
- Assisting tutees remove barriers to education and employment by referring them to local resources

### **Alma College Institute of Public Affairs**

*Student Representative*

Alma, Michigan  
September 2013-April 2017

- Assisted a research project in Western Europe focused on cooperative business models for conflict resolution
- Lead student groups and facilitated conversation on immigration and urban poverty during alternative spring break trips

## Honors and Memberships

2019 USAID Donald M. Payne International Development Fellow  
Michigan Campus Compact Commitment to Community Service Award  
Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society

June 2019-June 2026  
April 2017  
March 2016-Present

## Education

**University of Michigan**  
*Ford School of Public Policy*

Master of Public Policy  
Anticipated May 2021

Ann Arbor, Michigan

**Alma College**  
*Majors: Communication; Spanish*

Bachelor of Arts, April 2017  
Cumulative GPA: 3.79

Alma, Michigan