

Valerie Wexler

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Work Experience

Consultant, Washington DC

2016-2017, 2020-Current

- Provide political, opposition, and investigative research, and strategic advice to progressive organizations and campaigns.
- Wrote more than ten research books on congressional and state-level candidates, each detailing where the candidate stood on issues, their background, financial history, and areas of controversy. Each report included guidance on the types of narratives that could be constructed using the information discovered.
- Assisted client organization Good Jobs Nation as it developed a strategy to deal with challenges from the Trump administration.
- Assisted client organization Sum of Us in researching ties between police departments and white supremacist organizations and ties between police foundations and corporations.

Organizer, Washington DC

2016-Current

- Currently organizing with local groups in DC focused on racial justice, including Showing Up for Racial Justice DC and Stop Police Terror Project DC.
- Worked with organizers to lead a campaign to mobilize more than 18,000 DC residents in calling for the defunding of the DC Metropolitan Police Department by submitting testimony and engaging with the DC Council during DC's FY 2021 budget process.
- Worked with organizers on a successful campaign to fully fund the Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results (NEAR) Act.
- Conduct research and lead research teams on policing and other DC issues, including analysis of proposed and current laws and examinations of the DC budget.
- Assist in developing strategy and policy, creating workshops and trainings, writing op-eds and policy memos, crafting social media content and toolkits, and planning campaigns with partners.

Human Rights Campaign, Political Research Manager, Washington DC

2017-2020

- Conducted in-depth research and wrote numerous research briefs on federal judicial nominees.
- Conducted in-depth research and wrote numerous research briefs on US Senate, House, and state legislative candidates identified as targets by HRC, and consulted with organizers working on the ground in the states.
- Managed and led work identifying people who had been affected by discrimination for HRC to reach out to, as part of its campaign to pass the Equality Act.
- Monitored news events and managed rapid response.
- Trained and supervised new and less experienced employees.

American Bridge, Senior Research Associate, Washington DC

2013-2016

- Managed, wrote, and edited major reports on issues such as voting and workers' rights, and extremist organizations. More than 19 published, including investigations into the NRA's ties to the gun industry, and the Koch brothers' impact on state workers and economies.
- Conducted and led in-depth research investigating conservative groups and funders, including original research on corporate connections, allegations of wrongdoing, and sources of income.
- Work cited or quoted in news outlets including Bloomberg, CNN, NBC, AP, Politico, BuzzFeed, The Hill, The Huffington Post, The Washington Post, and The New York Times.
- Monitored news events and managed rapid response teams.
- Trained and supervised new and less experienced employees.

Obama for America, Research Fellow, Chicago IL, Alexandria VA

2012

- Worked individually and with a team on in-depth research projects for OFA at Chicago HQ.
- Researched background of President Obama and his previous comments on issues.
- Researched backgrounds of high-profile Romney campaign supporters.

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Investigative Reporting Workshop, Researcher, Washington, DC

2010-2011

- Researcher for the IRW project and book collaboration with Donald Bartlett and Jim Steele, *What Went Wrong: The Betrayal of the American Dream* (published in 2012 by Hachette and NYT bestseller).

Education

Washington College, MD

2006-2010

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Minor in Creative Writing

- Merit-based \$40,000 Academic Tuition Scholarship.
- February through June 2009 studied at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa.
- Completed a Senior Capstone Project which analyzed the influence of pharmaceutical corporations on U.S. policy toward Africa.
- Founder/Co-Editor college literary magazine, *The Colophon*.

Skills

LexisNexis, THOMAS/Congress.gov, OpenSecrets/FEC, CQ, MS Office, WordPress, GoogleDocs, Twitter