

Sara John

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- OBJECTIVE** Improve food access, quality, and equity across the United States through innovative research, partnerships, policy, and education.
- EDUCATION**
- Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy**, Boston, MA Sept. 2016 – present
Ph.D. Student in Food Policy and Applied Nutrition
Friedman Fellow 2016 – 2019
- Johns Hopkins University**, Baltimore, MD Aug. 2011 – May 2013
M.S. Urban Education | GPA: 3.9
- University of North Carolina**, Chapel Hill, NC Aug. 2007 – May 2011
B.S. Biology, B.A. Public Policy, Chemistry Minor | GPA: 3.5
- EXPERIENCE**
- Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics (RIDGE) Center** Sept. 2016 – present
USDA-funded center that supports extramural research in economics aimed at enhancing nutrition assistance programs
Research Coordinator
- Support RFP development, outreach to potential subgrantees, online grant proposal submission site development and management, creation of resources for potential applicants, and review of proposal submissions
- Partnership for a Healthier America (PHA)**, Washington, D.C. Sept. 2013 – June 2016
Nonprofit that works with First Lady Michelle Obama and the private sector to help end childhood obesity.
Associate, Partnerships Coordinator, Strategic Initiatives & Development
- Managed the Healthier Campus Initiative (HCI), through which colleges and universities commit to create healthier food and physical activity environments on campus. Since its launch in Nov. 2014, the Initiative had already impacted over one million students, faculty and staff at 38 colleges and universities across 25 states.
 - Supported PHA's strategic efforts by contributing to various initiatives, including research and planning for the FNV campaign (innovative approach to marketing fruits and vegetables), implementing active design in affordable housing, and working with private sector companies to develop meaningful food, nutrition, and physical activity commitments.
- Teach For America**, Patterson High School, Baltimore, MD Aug. 2011 – Jun. 2013
Nonprofit that enlists, develops and mobilizes the nation's most promising future leaders to increase educational equity.
Chemistry, Science and Sustainability Teacher
- Selected in the top 12% out of 46,000 applicants nationwide to teach in high-need urban schools.
 - Created and led objective-driven lessons with overall mastery scores 30% above the city's average.
 - Received highest rating on performance review in both 2012 and 2013.
 - Improved the overall school health environment by restructuring the school breakfast program to increase food access, starting a school garden, and leading a healthy cooking after-school program.
- UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center**, Chapel Hill, NC Aug. 2009 – May 2011
Leading research center that investigates and advances the prevention and treatment of cancer.
Research Assistant
- Recruited patients for study participation, collected and organized data, and contributed to team research projects that analyzed biological and social disparities in breast cancer patient outcomes.
- Roosevelt Institute Campus Network** Aug. 2009 – Jan. 2011
Division of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute that empowers students to enact progressive policy change.
National Health Strategist; President of UNC Chapter
- Engaged 10,000+ members and 85 college chapters in progressive public policy advocacy; led UNC chapter.
 - Mentored student members, edited national journals, managed social media presence, and organized national health policy initiatives.
 - Current member of the inaugural Roosevelt Alumni Advisory Board, which was created in Spring 2015.
- American Progressive Caucus Policy Foundation**, Washington D.C. Jun. 2009 – Aug. 2009
Nonprofit foundation building and uniting the political power for progressives in Congress.
Fellow
- Researched health care reform, resulting in the creation of talking points, fact sheets, and memos for progressive caucus members; attended hearings and assisted in the organization of and content creation for strategy meetings.
- PUBLICATIONS**
- Contributor, *Blueprint for the Millennial America*, Roosevelt Institute. 2010.
 - Strategist's Note, Editor, *10 Ideas for Health Care*, Roosevelt Institute. 2010.
- RELEVANT SKILLS**
- Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
 - Experience grant writing