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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Nate is an Associate with 7 years of experience in facilitation, communications, and coalition building. Prior to joining CBI, Nate worked as a Public Involvement Specialist for a transportation planning and engineering firm where he designed and implemented community engagement plans and activities for state and municipal transportation planning studies and infrastructure projects. In that role, he facilitated public meetings, convened community stakeholder groups, and partnered with community-based organizations to conduct public outreach and engagement activities and build trust between residents, community groups, advocacy organizations, and decision makers in diverse Environmental Justice communities across Massachusetts. Nate contributes to CBI's conflict resolution and capacity-building efforts across a wide range of issues including land use and transportation planning, climate adaptation and resilience, water management, coasts and ocean policy, and energy policy.

EXPERIENCE

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| 2021-Present | Consensus Building Institute
<i>Associate</i> | Cambridge, MA |
| | Support consensus-building and public participation efforts across a wide range of issues, including land use and transportation planning, water management, coasts and ocean policy, climate adaptation, and energy policy by facilitating stakeholder groups, conducting stakeholder interviews and public outreach, managing online engagement opportunities, coordinating event logistics, note-taking, and synthesizing community input and meeting discussions into summary reports. | |
| 2020-Present | George Mason University
<i>Adjunct Professor</i> | Fairfax, VA |
| | Developed and teach <i>CONF 329: Community Engagement and Collaborative Problem Solving</i> , an undergraduate course at George Mason University's Carter School for Peace and Conflict Studies focused on public participation, collaborative leadership, deliberative democracy, social change, stakeholder engagement, and group decision-making skills and best practices. | |
| 2018-2021 | Howard Stein Hudson
<i>Public Involvement Specialist</i> | Boston, MA |
| | Developed and implemented public participation plans and community engagement strategies for state and municipal transportation planning and infrastructure projects supported by federal funds across Massachusetts including the Tobin Bridge-Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation , the Allston Multimodal Project , and the Sumner Tunnel Centennial Restoration . Conducted culturally and historically sensitive community engagement in diverse urban and rural communities, including Environmental Justice communities in Greater Boston such as Chelsea, East Boston, and Roxbury. Designed and facilitated virtual and in-person engagement activities | |

and interactive online mapping activities to increase project awareness, identify community needs and priorities, and gather input on proposed alternatives for the [Route 28 Road Diet Pilot](#), [Arborway Parkway Improvements Project](#), and [Lower Roxbury Transportation Study](#).

- 2016-2018 **Northeastern University** Boston, MA
Co-op Counselor
Provided career advising to students, delivered trainings on facilitating classroom discussions, taught undergraduate courses, planned events, managed co-op partnerships with 30+ tech companies.
- 2012-2016 **George Mason University** Fairfax, VA
Academic Advisor; Field Experience Coordinator; and Teaching Assistant
Provided academic and career advising for 150+ undergraduate students, planned events, and facilitated classroom activities.

EDUCATION

- 2018 **Northeastern University** Boston, MA
Master of Science in Project Management
Concentration in Urban Planning
- 2015 **George Mason University** Fairfax, VA
Graduate Certificate in Collaborative Leadership in Community Planning
- 2013 **George Mason University** Fairfax, VA
Bachelor of Science in Conflict Analysis and Resolution
Outstanding Scholar Award

MEMBERSHIPS

- 2019-present **International Association for Public Participation (IAP2)** Northeast Region
Northeast Chapter Vice President
- 2019-2021 **Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)** Boston, MA
MetroCommon 2050 Community Engagement Advisory Committee Member
- 2017-2019 **Jamaica Plain Centre/South Main Streets** Jamaica Plain, MA
Executive Board Member

SELECTED PROJECTS

Port Infrastructure Improvements Project, Cambridge, MA, ongoing.
Support planning, virtual facilitation, and documentation of public and working group meetings with neighborhood leaders and representatives of community-based organizations to co-design the City's effort to make improvements to pedestrian safety, sidewalk accessibility, tree coverage, open space, and sewer, drainage, and water infrastructure in The Port neighborhood. Facilitate and execute a broad community engagement strategy to ensure improvements are responsive to community needs and priorities.

New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA) Statewide Climate Assessment, New York, 2021-present.

Support the development of a statewide climate change impacts assessment by facilitating stakeholder engagement processes including community engagement and workshop development for a wide range of stakeholders. Manage the selection of subject matter experts to serve as Sector Advisors for two Technical Working Groups responsible for drafting the Transportation and Buildings chapters of the change impacts assessment. Plan and facilitate workshops for Transportation and Buildings Sector Advisors.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, ongoing.

Support BOEM and offshore wind energy stakeholders by providing technical support to public and task force meetings for the proposed Carolina Long Bay, Central Atlantic, and New York Bight wind energy areas, participating in planning calls, coordinated meeting logistics, supporting day-of meeting facilitation, and drafting meeting summaries. CBI has facilitated state task forces on wind energy development for BOEM since 2012.

Sacramento Water Forum, Sacramento Region, CA, ongoing.

Providing notetaking, synthesis of stakeholder input, and logistical support to The Water Forum. The Forum works to balance the need for a reliable and safe water supply for the region and the need to preserve ecological and aesthetic values of the lower American River with a diverse group of business and agricultural leaders, environmentalists, citizen groups, water managers, and local governments in the Sacramento Region. CBI is assisting the Forum as it transitions to the next phase of its multi-stakeholder agreement.

USEPA Southeast New England Program: Stormwater Accounting and Tracking Project,

Massachusetts and Rhode Island, 2021-present.

Support facilitation of a working group bringing together engineers and planners from municipalities in Massachusetts and Rhode Island along with technical consultants and staff members from the EPA Region 1 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Program, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) to build municipal capacity to track and account for stormwater management best management practices. Coordinate meeting logistics, facilitate collaboration, and draft meeting summaries to assist municipal partners in adopting tracking and accounting tools, identify data gaps and challenges, and develop action plans.

Honor the Harvest 2021 Forum, 2021.

Assisted in the planning and coordination of a 3-day virtual forum for farmers, ranchers, and leaders in the food and agriculture industries for U.S. Farmers and Ranchers in Action (USFRA). Designed and drafted a 50-page participant briefing paper, provide technical support, facilitated group discussions with stakeholders across the food and agriculture value chain, and drafted summary reports of key issues and action items identified by forum participants.

Plum Island Economic Analysis for Sea Level Rise Decision Making, Newbury and Newburyport, MA. 2021.

Supported two lead facilitators leading a collaborative research project funded through the Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability (MVP) program by documenting meetings, analyzing stakeholder input, and drafting public engagement reports for an advisory group of municipal and community stakeholders representing key interests and co-designing public engagement efforts. The

project provided economic and fiscal data about the costs and benefits of managing Plum Island, a barrier island spanning the towns of Newbury and Newburyport, in the face of coming sea level rise.

Housatonic River PCB Cleanup Citizens' Coordinating Council, Pittsfield, MA, 2021-present.

Assist in notetaking and drafting meeting summaries for a 25-member group of diverse and divergent interests providing input to EPA on the implementation of the Consent Decree to remediate river sediment and soil sites in and along the Housatonic River from PCBs from the operations of General Electric manufacturing facilities.

Newtown Creek Superfund Site Community Advisory Group, Brooklyn and Queens, New York, 2021-present.

Assist in notetaking and drafting meeting summaries for a group of diverse interests providing input to EPA on the development and implementation of plans to remediate water, soil, and sediment contamination from multiple heavily industrialized sites along Newtown Creek.

Charles River Dam Advisory Committee, Natick, MA, 2021.

Analyzed data and provided written summaries of public input collected via surveys and comment letters for a report summarizing community input collected to inform the Town of Natick's Charles River Dam Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee is tasked with developing recommendations for the future of the Charles River Dam in South Natick.