



Todd Wynn • 1st

Director of Intergovernmental and External Affairs at U.S Department of Interior
U.S. Department of the Interior • University of San Francisco
Washington, District Of Columbia • 500+

Message

In October of 2017, I was appointed to serve as the Director of the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs (OIEA) at the United States Department of Interior. OIEA strengthens relationships between state and local partners and external stakeholders with the Office of the Secretary. OIEA also serves as liaison for governmental and non-governmental partners in communicating with Departmental offices and the Bureaus.

In September of 2013, I joined the team at Edison Electric Institute (EEI) as their Director of External Affairs. In this capacity, I worked on behalf of the electric utility industry on policy priorities at the state and federal levels.

Before EEI, I was the Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force Director at the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), the nation's largest non-partisan association of state legislators. During my time at ALEC, I worked with state legislators from across the country on a wide variety of issue areas, including energy, chemical regulation, agricultural technology, regulatory reform, electricity, air and water quality, and environmental health.

Prior to joining ALEC, I worked for Cascade Policy Institute (CPI), a non-profit public policy research organization in Oregon, as a policy analyst. For over a year and a half, I worked with Oregon state legislators and the general public on energy and environmental policies at the state level. I was promoted to Vice President of Cascade in 2010.

I received my master's degree in International and Developmental Economics at the University of San Francisco. Prior to studying at the University of San Francisco, I attended Virginia Military Institute and California State University, Long Beach where I received my bachelor's degree in Business Economics.

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### Director of External Affairs

Edison Electric Institute

Sep 2013 – Oct 2017 • 4 yrs 2 mos  
Washington D.C. Metro Area

The Edison Electric Institute (EEI) is the association that represents all U.S. investor-owned electric companies. Our members provide electricity for 220 million Americans, operate in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and directly employ more than 500,000 workers.

I was responsible for outreach to state officials including state legislators, environmental commissioners, state energy office officials, governors, and attorneys general on issues across EEI's portfolio. I was also responsible for outreach to advocacy organizations and think tanks that work on energy and electricity policy.



### Energy, Environment, and Agriculture Task Force Director

American Legislative Exchange Council

Sep 2011 – Sep 2013 • 2 yrs 1 mo  
Washington D.C. Metro Area

The Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force operates under the principles of free-market environmentalism, that is to promote the mutually beneficial link between a robust economy and a healthy environment, to unleash the creative powers of the free market for environmental stewardship, and to enhance the quality and use of our natural and agricultural resources for the benefit of human health and well-being.

The Task Force works to develop model legislation in a wide variety of issue areas, including public lands, climate change, chemical regulation, agricultural technology, regulatory reform, air and water quality, federal-state relations, environmental health, waste management, rural development, and property rights.

I managed the Task Force and its members. Plus I conducted public policy research for state legislators across the country.



### Vice President

Cascade Policy Institute

Apr 2010 – Sep 2011 • 1 yr 6 mos  
Portland, Oregon Area

Founded in 1991, Cascade Policy Institute is a nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy research and educational organization that focuses on state and local issues in Oregon. Cascade's mission is to develop and promote public policy alternatives that foster individual liberty, personal responsibility and economic opportunity.

While in this position, my duties included:

- Building relationships with supporters.
- Marketing and promoting the Institute's objectives through speaking, writing, and leadership within the organization.
- Research and writing on energy, climate change, and general environmental/economic issues. Publish full reports, op-eds, and other pieces for the media, legislators, activists groups, and citizens.



### Climate Change and Energy Policy Analyst, Director of Environment Project

Cascade Policy Institute

Jul 2008 – May 2010 • 1 yr 11 mos  
Portland, Oregon Area

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While in this position, my duties included:

- Serving as a Program Director for the Institute's climate change and energy policy center.
- Completing and publishing original research and commentary on climate change, energy, and environmental policy.
- Working directly with legislators and citizen activist groups to better facilitate understanding of climate change and energy policy.

**Research Associate**

International Crop Research Institute of the Semi-Arid Tropics

May 2007 – Sep 2007 • 5 mos  
Patenchuru, India

The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) is a non-profit, non-political organization that conducts agricultural research for development in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa with a wide array of partners throughout the world.

My work with ICRISAT included:

- Worked with economic development and agricultural teams to integrate climatic and economic data.
- Gathered, compiled, and analyzed panel level data from different organizations to analyze potential connections between climate and agricultural productivity within India's semi-arid tropic region.
- Analyzed data to assess the possible damaging effects of climatic changes on agricultural productivity in the region. Produced a findings report titled "Impact of climate change on agricultural productivity in India's semi-arid tropics" and offered public policy recommendations to limit the impact on rural populations.

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**Education**



**University of San Francisco**  
Masters, International and Developmental Economics  
2006 – 2008



**California State University-Long Beach**  
BA, Business Economics  
2003 – 2004



**Virginia Military Institute**  
BA, Business Economics  
2000 – 2003  
Activities and Societies: Awarded the Economic and Business Excellence Award (2001, 2002), Member of Omicron Delta Epsilon, the International Honor Society for Economics.

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**Daniel Francis**

Manager, Strategic Policy Analysis at American Electric Power

October 10, 2017, Daniel worked with Todd but at different companies

I worked with Todd for several years, most recently in his role as policymaker rep for EEI. Todd is very knowledgeable of the issues and effective in his interactions with policymakers, and he exudes energy and excitement. Todd is well respected not only for his capabilities, but for the manner in which he interacts with people. He will be missed, but I know great things will come as part of his new engagement.



**Richard McMahon**

Vice President at Edison Electric Institute

October 7, 2017, Richard was senior to Todd but didn't manage directly

Todd is a high impact player. I had the opportunity to work with Todd on a variety of key policy projects and was consistently impressed with his dedication and capabilities. I'm sure that he will continue to impress and achieve results in his future endeavors.



**Steven Eddy**

Manager, Government Relations at Tucson Electric Power & UniSource Energy Services

July 14, 2017, Todd worked with Steven in the same group

I have had the privilege of working with Todd Wynn over the past 4+ years in my capacity as Manager of Government Relations at Tucson Electric Power (TEP) - a member company of the Edison Electric Institute (EEI), which represents all U.S. investor-owned electric companies who provide electricity to over 220 million Americans. In Todd's role as Director of External Affairs at EEI, he has been a valuable resource for my team when reviewing and developing energy policy, while creating strategic partnerships with stakeholders to ensure we are successful in our legislative and regulatory efforts. Not only is Todd a dynamic and effective leader in the industry, he has a strong and endearing reputation among elected officials, policymakers and his peers. I look forward to partnering with Todd as he continues to succeed in his professional endeavors in the industry and beyond.



**Maggie Mick**

Director of Development at The Council of State Governments

July 10, 2017, Maggie worked with Todd but at different companies

I have had the pleasure of working with Todd for the last 4-5 years. I've always been incredibly impressed with his ability to connect with others, attention to detail, and ability to handle a multitude of organizational priorities at once. Todd is a tremendous asset to his organization and a exceptional colleague to many inside and outside of his organization.



**Glen Andersen**

Energy Program Manager at the National Conference of State Legislatures

June 13, 2017, Glen worked with Todd but at different companies

I have worked with Todd in an ongoing basis for a number of years and he has been knowledgeable, proactive, and enthusiastic during the many interactions we've had. It's been fun working with him and he presents a genuine character and interest on the many electricity-related issues we've worked on together. He has been responsive and creative, diligently helping to find solutions,



**Chad Guzmán**  
Government Affairs Representative at Arizona Public Service (APS)  
June 9, 2017, Chad worked with Todd but at different companies

I have worked closely with Todd Wynn over the past four years in my capacity as a Government Affairs Representative at Arizona Public Service - a member company of the Edison Electric Institute. Todd is an invaluable resource to my team as we confront unprecedented policy challenges in the electric utility industry. His in-depth knowledge of national state government organizations and policy summits has directly enabled my company to successfully navigate an increasingly complex energy policy landscape. With the help of Todd's guidance and expertise, my company has been able to accomplish many legislative goals in the state of Arizona over the past several years. I highly recommend Todd, as his work ethic and product have proven to be unrivaled in our industry.



**John Mountjoy**  
Director of Policy and Research, The Council of State Governments  
June 9, 2017, John worked with Todd but at different companies

It has been my good fortune to get to know Todd during my tenure with The Council of State Governments (CSG). Todd's leadership at EEI and positive interactions with both state leaders and state-based organizations like CSG is supportive, professional and above all – helpful. Todd's substantive policy knowledge combined with his passion for the issues and his zest for all that life presents, makes him an extremely effective advocate. Todd's conceptual, human and technical abilities have helped us at CSG to advance our nonpartisan mission of policy programming and leadership development for state leaders. For these reasons, Todd continues to gain the respect of countless state leaders across the nation.



**John Eick**  
Manager, State & Local Outreach at the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers.  
June 8, 2017, John worked with Todd but at different companies

In describing Todd Wynn, three words immediately come to mind: coworker, mentor, and friend.

Almost five years ago, Todd hired me to be his deputy at the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). Together, we worked closely with state lawmakers, industry leaders, and other policymakers in seeing pro-growth, free-market energy and environmental policies adopted in the states. In our roughly one year of working together at ALEC, I found Todd to be extremely effective at his job, a great manager, and a whole lot of fun to be around.

Since he left ALEC for EEI, Todd and I have continued to work closely together, albeit in different capacities. During this time, he has provided me with invaluable professional advice on countless occasions and I consider him to be a close friend.

As someone who has worked both for and with Todd, I strongly endorse him for his professionalism, diligence, and good cheer, attributes he would bring to any organization lucky enough to employ him.



**Eric Shierman**  
Economics Writer at The Oregon Catalyst  
December 28, 2016, Todd was senior to Eric but didn't manage directly

The Cascade Policy Institute has had some great analysts over the years, but Todd remains, in my judgement, the best they ever hired.



**Steve Higley**  
Manager, Federal Government Affairs at

I have known Todd Wynn for several years, and have worked extensively with him in both his current role at EEI and his previous



September 20, 2016, Steve worked with Todd but at different companies

the task force Todd directed. In both of those roles, my interactions with Todd have been consistently professional and productive.

Todd is clearly a highly motivated individual who takes extraordinary steps to go above and beyond what would typically be expected of someone in his position. His influence is openly apparent in every one of the organizations I have seen him work with – as evidenced by the success with which he is able to advance policy positions and disseminate information critical to his industry, as well as the impressive breadth of professional relationships he has developed and maintains with elected officials, policymakers, and numerous others in the energy and environmental arena.

Equally impressive is his ability to work behind the scenes to accomplish specific goals or tasks within the groups in which he is engaged. Todd's exceptional interpersonal skills, fundamentally sound political sensibilities, and very strong work ethic have enabled him to consistently further the cause and mission of EEI and its members – including in many instances where personal credit was neither forthcoming nor sought after.

I believe Todd would be a tremendous asset to any organization, and my professional opinion of him is one of the highest regard and respect.



**Christine Csizmadia**  
Director, State Outreach at Nuclear Energy Institute  
September 20, 2016, Christine worked with Todd but at different companies

I've have the pleasure of working with Todd for several years. His passion for quality work is contagious and I consider him an empowering leader. He not only drives his vision but encourages peers and colleagues to match his drive. His leadership coupled with his political and policy capabilities make him a solid colleague, and I am fortunate to work along side him.



**Randy Eminger**  
Eminger LLC  
January 5, 2016, Randy worked with Todd but at different companies

Todd is a professional in every since. His ability to negotiate compromise is a skill few have.



**Mark N. Ourada**  
Government Relations Executive | Expert Lobbyist | Public Policy Strategist | Stakeholder Engagement Specialist  
December 16, 2015, Mark N. worked with Todd but at different companies

It was a pleasure to work with Todd during my time at ACCCE. I could always count on him sharing the load and stepping forward to help out as our organizations worked toward common goals. A high energy and outgoing guy that knows how to meet people, establish relationships and work hard while still having fun at the job!



**Rebekah A. Fitzgerald**  
Communications and Outreach Supervisor at Wyoming Game and Fish Department  
April 2, 2015, Rebekah worked with Todd but at different companies

When you first meet Todd it is obvious he's never met a stranger. Todd's engaging personality, combined with his clear knowledge of complex energy and electricity policy is an effective one, two punch for spurring action on important topics and policies. I've had the pleasure to work with Todd over the last year and half on a variety of energy programming for state officials. I am always impressed by his level of enthusiasm and passion for sharing information to help state officials understand complex topics so they can make informed decisions. His breadth of knowledge on energy and electricity policy is extensive, and he possesses the rare skill to break down complex topics into digestible information for



him.



**Mike McGarey**  
Senior Advisor, State & Local Government Affairs at Nuclear Energy Institute  
September 19, 2013, Mike worked with Todd in different groups

Todd brought extensive knowledge and great passion for environmental protection to his work directing ALEC's Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force. He ensured that many points of view were heard during Task Force deliberations so that policymakers could more fully understand that meaningful, sensible regulation and economic growth are not contradictory goals. His vision of U.S. leadership in the areas of public health, environmental stewardship, job creation, energy innovation and agricultural markets has been reassuring to consumers, employers, investors, ratepayers and taxpayers.



**Brian Bush**  
CEO, Altus Chamber of Commerce  
September 18, 2013, Brian worked with Todd but at different companies

It is truly a pleasure to work with Todd Wynn. He demonstrates a keen understanding of not only the subject matter entrusted to him but also of the implications of the decisions being made. Todd is an expert in the field of energy policy, and he is in high demand as a speaker and presenter on matters facing the industry. In addition, Todd is incredibly skilled at balancing competing constituencies and seeking solutions in spite of occasionally difficult circumstances. Talented, intelligent, and a great person to be around, I am grateful for Todd's friendship and for the opportunity to work with him.



**John Stephenson**  
Senior Manager, AWS Public Policy at Amazon  
September 9, 2013, Todd worked with John in the same group

Todd is a brilliant, very personable policy professional who works diligently with disparate groups and individuals to find common ground and forge consensus on critical issues with an eye toward achieving strategic objectives.



**Jason Hayes**  
Director of Environmental Policy at Mackinac Center for Public Policy  
August 1, 2013, Jason worked with Todd but at different companies

A lot of people who work in the policy world view their work and life as a pitched battle; they ooze the stress and tension that attitude produces. Todd is the exact opposite, he sees the policy arena as an opportunity to do serious and important work, but has a great time doing it.

I've had the privilege of working with Todd on a few projects - he has spoken at one of our conferences and has also prepared an article for American Coal magazine. Each time I have dealt with Todd, I have come away from the encounter impressed with his dedication, positive attitude, research & speaking skills, AND his genuinely friendly and helpful outlook.

Add to that the fact that he has a consistent commitment to liberty and free-market ideals and the guts to publicly defend them and it's not hard at all to recommend Todd.



**Chaz Cirame**  
Principal at Cc:External Affairs, Inc.  
July 25, 2013, Chaz was senior to Todd but didn't manage directly

When looking to find a policy expert most folks come with trade-offs. Todd Wynn however is everything anyone could want-- Engaging, cleaver, hardworking and brilliant. Todd also has the skills to put those attributes to work - He is a great writer, researcher, presenter, legislative policy authority and he is also a new and old media ninja - who can win over even the toughest antagonist interviewer. I knew peripherally of Todd's work when he was at the Cascade Policy Institute- the work I saw there was cutting edge, innovative and changing the debate-in of all places, Oregon. When I heard Todd was considering a position at ALEC ,I insisted we fast track him an offer. From day one Todd never



ideas, new programming and new fundraising. I would hire Todd again in a second if ever given the opportunity-- on top of everything else, Todd brings an infectious optimism and enthusiasm for work and life that make him a person you want on any team.



**Christian Rice**  
SEO Summer Fellow at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP  
December 8, 2012, Christian worked with Todd in different groups

Todd stands out to me for one main reason: he truly cares. Not only does he care about the goals of his employer, but he also cares about his colleagues. Although I did not work on Todd's task force, he still took the time to help me (and several colleagues) develop as a professional, and this exemplifies a trait that every organization should require from their employees: true interest in the well-being of other workers.



**Jeff Kropf**  
Executive Director at Oregon Capitol Watch Foundation  
November 2, 2012, Jeff worked with Todd in different groups

I began working with Todd when he was at Cascade Policy and I was in the legislature. We continued that relationship after I retired and started working with the grassroots around Oregon. Todd and I made various presentations together around the state and fought hard for our principles, which was a real challenge sometimes. Nonetheless, Todd was firm in what he believed, researched and knew his issues very well and presented them in a convincing manner. He made an impact in Oregon and it was sad to lose him. However, our loss is ALEC's gain to be sure.



**Rob Shrum**  
Vice President of External Affairs at National Taxpayers Union  
September 27, 2012, Todd worked with Rob in the same group

I had the pleasure of working with Todd at the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) and place this recommendation with the highest regard. In his role as ALEC's Energy, Environment, and Agriculture Task Force Director, Todd provides an extensive wealth of knowledge on a very broad set of policy issues. Todd is able to communicate complex policy concepts in ways that anyone can readily understand. This is a talent that is hard to come by, making Todd an invaluable asset for the state legislative members of ALEC. Todd is an ambitious, charismatic, and intelligent leader who brings a contagious positive attitude and a tenacious "can-do" spirit to the organization. I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to work alongside Todd and I am certain that anyone who has worked with him feels the same way.



**Gavin Koester**  
Market/Trading Analyst - Brazil and Latin America at Koch Ag & Energy Solutions, LLC  
August 13, 2012, Gavin reported directly to Todd

Working for Todd was undoubtedly the highlight of my summer in D.C. Todd's charm and wit are paralleled by few, which makes him a delight to interact with. His knowledge of energy issues is prodigious, and, when combined with that of his industry resources, nearly endless. His ability to yield a shared vision on projects while motivating those around him is admirable, and something I've taken to heart. While these characteristics alone make Todd a valuable member of any staff, it is his ability to manage those on his team that makes him an indispensable member of that staff. It was always a pleasure to work with Todd, and furthermore, interacting with him on a more personal level has been particularly enjoyable.



**Bryan Weynand**  
Litigation Associate at Ropes & Gray LLP  
August 11, 2012, Bryan reported directly to Todd

Working for Todd was a valuable experience both for his talent on energy and environmental issues and his personal support and encouragement as a supervisor. Todd brings excellent enthusiasm and commitment to his objectives and to building positive working relationships with his colleagues. As a supervisor, he is deliberate and humble in including his staff in planning and decision making.

development, and he is able to make keen use of public relations and social media skills to publicize his work. He is a valuable leader and asset for ALEC, and working for him was a pleasure personally and professionally.



**Christina Martin**  
Attorney at Pacific Legal  
May 8, 2012, Todd worked with Christina in the same group

Todd is like the rainmaker. Wherever he goes he increases publicity, attracts donations, and makes new friends for himself and his employer. He is a hard worker and visionary. He helps lead others to dream bigger, work harder and smarter. He quickly can identify others' talents and expertise and help find ways to channel those skills into accomplishing bigger goals.



**Rachel Cheeseman**  
Arizona-based research and communications professional  
January 23, 2012, Todd was senior to Rachel but didn't manage directly

I spent my first college internship at Oregon Capitol News while Todd was working with Cascade. I got to know Todd pretty well, and I always looked forward to seeing him at the office. His enthusiasm for his work makes him a pleasure to be around. He always brings a positive attitude and a quick wit. He was a fun guy to learn from for a summer, even if I didn't work with him directly.



**Michael Bastasch**  
Reporter at The Daily Caller News Foundation  
January 10, 2012, Michael reported directly to Todd

Todd Wynn is not only an innovative thinker and fervent advocate of free enterprise, but he also knows how to manage and organize his colleagues to get the best out of them. Todd helped me to be a success at Cascade Policy Institute while also advancing Cascade's mission of an Oregon where individual liberty, personal responsibility, and economic opportunity flourish.



**Michael Riddle**  
Member Services Coordinator at NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association  
January 10, 2012, Michael reported directly to Todd

Todd is a great person to work for and an excellent example of an effective policy analyst, advocate, and manager. He is passionate and inspiring on the issues of energy and the environment and is driven to promote more market-based reforms in those areas.



**Sarah Wolf**  
Reporter at Catholic Sentinel  
November 21, 2011, Todd was senior to Sarah but didn't manage directly

A driven and hard working man, Todd Wynn brought charisma and passion to our company. He was not only a great follower, but a great leader, providing strong direction and feedback on a regular basis.

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## Accomplishments

### 10 Organizations ▼

- Center for Legislative Energy and Environmental Research (CLEER) • Council of State Governments
- Council of State Governments • Council of State Governments 21st Century Foundation Board of Trustees • National Conference of State Legislatures Foundation • Southern States Energy Board
- Southern States Energy Board • State Government Affairs Council • American Tradition Institute
- Oregon Capitol Watch Foundation

### 2 Honors & Awards ▼

- State Government Affairs Council Professional Certificate • Economic and Business Excellence Award, 2001 and 2002

### 1 Publication ▼



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