CBO 2004 Summer Interns…

…making a difference

The diversity of the skills, experience, and backgrounds of CBO interns ensures that no summer internship experience is exactly the same. This year's interns help model the future through projects as diverse as analyzing future space programs, researching the effects of U.S and E.U. farm policies on developing economies, and preparing cost estimates of legislation. Lectures on the Hill and at CBO give interns additional forums for networking and for exploring current economic and policy issues. The relationships developed through these activities enhance future professional and educational endeavors and leave an indelible impression on each intern.

Régis Barnichon
University of California, Ph.D., Economics

Diane Nhu Pham
University of North Carolina, M.A., Applied Economics

Sabina Ohri
University of California, Ph.D., Economics

"After completing the first year of an M.P.A. program I sought to gain experience working on issues related to the federal budget and economic policy. CBO afforded me this opportunity as an integral part of the mandates team where I prepare cost estimates of the impact of federal mandates on the private sector in areas that include regulation of new technologies, land reform, Indian affairs, immigration policy, energy, natural resource management and the environment. Buoyed by the active encouragement and guidance of senior staff, I have embraced the rewarding, hands-on learning experience that CBO offers. Their extraordinary commitment to my success continues to serve as personal inspiration to serve the public good."

Crystal Taylor
Princeton University, M.P.A., M.A., Urban and Regional Planning

Lesley Turner
University of Michigan, M.P.P.

Heidi Holz
Georgetown University, M.A., International Security Studies

Silvio Contessi
Johns Hopkins University, Ph.D., Economics

"The political economy of international trade policy is widely misunderstood by the public, sometimes even by economists. Certainly not at CBO. I am participating in a project aimed at understanding the potential costs and benefits of further liberalization in the agricultural sector, for the United States and for developing countries. The working environment is friendly and informal, yet professional and very stimulating. Simply put, I am greatly enjoying my summer at CBO."

Robert Schingler
Georgetown University, M.B.A. International Space University, Master's, Space Studies

Kyoo-il Kim
University of California, Ph.D., Economics

"The most amazing thing about working for CBO is the opportunity to do important work within a relaxed and supportive environment. In the State and Local Unit of the Budget Analysis Division, I am completing time-sensitive cost estimates for Congress as well as undertaking a longer-term project to investigate the fiscal impacts of immigration on state and local governments. Despite the high visibility of this work and the amount of independence I have been given in its completion, I have found the process to be surprisingly free of stress. Furthermore, CBO has encouraged me to take advantage of as many opportunities as I can in the D.C. area, such as attending the intern lecture series on Capitol Hill. This ability to maintain a casual and encouraging environment while completing critical work is what makes CBO a unique organization."

Lauren McMahon
University of California, M.P.P.

José Carlos Rodríguez Pueblita
University of Pennsylvania, Ph.D., Economics

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