

# BENJAMIN SUNG HENRY

## EDUCATION

---

*Master's of Public Administration, University of Washington, Seattle, WA*

- Expected graduation: Winter 2012
- Specialization: Leadership, Management, and Decision-Making
- Degree Project: “No Parent Left Behind: Needs Assessment for Students With Children at the University of Washington”

*Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, Hawaii Pacific University, Honolulu, HI, May 2000*

- Graduated Cum Laude, with 3.6 cumulative grade point average, 3.8 GPA in major.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

---

*Senior Policy Associate, Alliance for a Just Society, July 2011-present.*

- Conduct policy research and analysis for the local, state, and federal campaigns of the Alliance and its affiliates and partners. The Alliance is a nonprofit national advocacy organization that believes in social justice, income equality, and racial equity.
  - Lead researcher on national budget report examining the relationship between state spending cuts and unemployment.

*Vice President, University of Washington Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS), June 2010-June 2011*

- Elected by the Senate to represent GPSS to the Washington State Legislature and Congress, and to manage graduate student appointments to University committees. Vice presidential duties also include:
  - Assuming the duties of the President in the President's absence.
  - Initiating and overseeing the process of enacting a GPSS Legislative Agenda.
  - Serving on the GPSS Executive Committee, ASUW Legislative Steering Committee and the Washington Student Association (WSA) Board of Directors.
  - Serving as a GPSS representative to the Student Advocates for Graduate Education (SAGE).
  - Directly supervising the Legislative Assistant and Policy Analyst, and the \$11,446 VP's Fund.
- Key accomplishments:
  - Proposed the creation of what became Washington State Senate Bill 5795, “Regarding funding higher education child care grants,” which would have created a funding mechanism for the Higher Education Coordinating Board's Child Care Matching Grants program. Successfully advocated for Senate Majority Leader Lisa Brown to sign on as prime sponsor, and nine others as co-sponsors. Despite a \$5.1 billion state budget shortfall, the bill made it out of Ways & Means by a 19-2 vote. It was made eligible for a floor vote by the Rules Committee, but missed the cut-off deadline.

# BENJAMIN SUNG HENRY

---

- Creator and Co-Chair of GPSS Student-Parents Task Force, charged with assessing needs of student-parents on campus and advocating for recommended policy changes for this population. Organized Students With Children Awareness Day on May 9, 2011.
- Chair of WSA Strategic Planning Task Force, charged with developing and proposing strategic plan and organizational restructuring.
- Testified several times before various state legislative committees, and appeared in news coverage 22 times (19 in UW student newspaper The Daily, and 3 times in the Seattle Times).
- Implemented revamped committee reporting procedures to enhance institutional memory.

*Fellow, Washington state Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs (CAPAA) and the Asian Pacific Islander Community Leadership Foundation (ACLF), January-May 2010*

- Co-authored “The State of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Washington,” a population demographics analysis and policy recommendations report presented to the Governor and Legislature.
- Authored “Legislative Session Review 2010,” documenting tracked Washington state bills relevant to the Asian and Pacific Islander community.
- Formatted CAPAA’s 2009-2015 Strategic Plan.
- Researched policy, tracked legislation, reported on committee hearings and authored bill summaries.

*Social Media Intern, Office of King County Councilmember Julia Patterson, January 2010-March 2010*

- Researched, developed and implemented social media strategies and recommendations for Councilmember Patterson. Also monitored news stories and developed analysis of overall media strategy, and drafted constituent responses.

*Co-Founder and Steering Committee Chair, Symposium of Public Affairs Research, November 2009-October 2010*

- Lead facilitator and organizer of student group that created and organized the Evans School’s inaugural research symposium, which features presentations and displays of public affairs research. Responsible for putting on a high-quality, effective and successful inaugural. Oversaw creation of mission and organizational structure. Authored “Memo to the Chair” document outlining Chair’s responsibilities.

*The Kitsap (Wa.) Sun, daily newspaper (circulation about 32,000), full time, April 2007-August 2009*

- Production Editor
  - A1 Page Producer: As visual content architect, directs design vision of newspaper’s front page, managing on a given night other elements of the production process, from photography to reporting to copy editing to headline writing, to put out a clean and appealing cover.
  - Nation/World Wire Editor: Sets editorial budget, determining which wire stories will be run and with what prominence; culls the news wire for relevant material; designs and produces section.
  - Sports and Features Page Producer: Visual content architect.
  - Online Designer: Pioneered integration of Presentation Desk with Online Department, training print designers to produce customized Web content designs.

# BENJAMIN SUNG HENRY

---

*The Honolulu Star-Bulletin, daily newspaper (circulation about 66,000), June 1999-April 2007*

- Production Editor
  - A1 Page Producer and Copy Editor, July 2004-April 2007.
  - Lead Architect, Sunday A1 centerpieces, May 2005-April 2007.
  - Lead Page Producer, weekly Travel section, November 2004-May 2005.
  - Lead Page Producer, Sports Department, December 2000-July 2004.
  - Freelance Writer and Clerk, June-September 1999.
- Member of ethics committee, which drafted Code of Ethics. Authored section on plagiarism.

*eNewsHawaii.com, November 1999-June 2000*

- Editor
  - Responsible for overall editorial content, overseeing production of daily news reports for ground-breaking exclusively online news source, the first of its kind in the state of Hawaii.
  - Managed three full-time employees and two dozen freelance contributors and columnists.

## OTHER AFFILIATIONS AND TRAINING

---

- Asian Pacific Islander Americans for Civic Empowerment (APACE), Political Action Committee and 501(c)4 Board of Directors, 2011-current.
- ACLF Community Leadership Program, Class of 2010.
- WSA/United States Student Association Grass-Roots Organizing Workshop (GROW), 2010.

## SKILLS

---

- Thorough understanding of statistical analysis, budgeting, economic theory, public policy, and the political process. Leadership, political, economic, quantitative, and management expertise.
- Collection, assimilation, analysis, summarization, reflection and communication of information.
- Writing and headline/display-type writing, and proofreading for grammar, style, logic and story cohesion.
- Extensive knowledge of national/international current events and politics.
- Visual design and production, involving the organization of various page elements — from photography to graphics to news copy to headlines — on a tight, nightly deadline.
- Online design and maintenance; multimedia (audio and video).
- Computer proficiency: Fluent in PC and Macintosh, and the following software: Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Dreamweaver, Fireworks, ImageReady and PageMaker; QuarkXpress; Digidesign Pro Tools, Cakewalk Sonar, Apple Logic and Garageband, and other audio software; Final Cut Express; OpenOffice; Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Access and FrontPage; PASW (SPSS) Statistics.
- Typing: 105 WPM.

# BENJAMIN SUNG HENRY

---

## AWARDS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

---

- Gene J. Colin/Ferguson Construction Education Scholarship, 2010. Value: \$7,500.
- Best for small newspapers, Scripps 2009 First Quarter Contest, design/graphics portfolio.
- Third Place, Feature Page Design, 2008 Society of Professional Journalists contest, Northwest Chapter.
- “H-Men” project collaborator, winning second place in the prestigious Best of the West competition for “Words, Editing and Design,” and finishing in the Top 10 for Special Sections in the Associated Press Sports Editor awards.
- First Church Scholarship, awarded by the First United Methodist Church of Honolulu, covering full, four-year tuition at Hawaii Pacific University, 1996. Value: \$32,000.
- Presidential Scholarship, which covered full summer tuition for the Associate Editor in Chief’s position at Hawaii Pacific University student newsletter Kalamalama, 1998-99. Value: \$4,000.
- National Honor Society member, Alpha Chi, Lambda Pi Eta and Phi Sigma.
- Captain and Most Valuable Player, Damien Memorial High School varsity soccer team, 1996.

## PROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIO

---

*[www.benhenry.com](http://www.benhenry.com)*