

CT Intern Academy 2012

Speaker questions –

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1. What do you look for in a resume?
I look for short resumes. I am not as interested in academics as I am in relevant work or volunteer experience. I suggest changing up your resume to suit the job for which you are applying, particularly as it relates to your goals and applicable skills.
2. What classes do you recommend for students interested in your field? What skills are important to develop? (writing, fiscal analysis, public speaking, etc.)
In community organizing and advocacy, it is important to be good at public speaking, writing succinctly and general communication skills.
3. What keeps you motivated in your job day-to-day?
I am motivated by the causes for which I have worked. I believe in involving real people in advocating for systemic change.
4. What was your career and educational path to your current position?
My undergraduate education had no direct connection to my job. I was a geography major. I learned “on the job.”
5. What risks did you take?
My biggest risks have been leaving jobs I really love to take on new challenges. I have done this 3 times – and all of them have paid off.
6. What terms and acronyms do people need to know?
I’m not sure how to answer this question. There are countless possibilities.
7. What sources of info do you check regularly?
It varies – depending on what is going on politically, legislatively or policy-wise. Ct Health Policy Project, for sure!
8. What’s your best advice to students? What to do and what not to worry about