

FELLOW PROFILE

Fellow's Name:

Anna Smith

Fellow's Partner Organization:

NCSL Communications Division

What are your main responsibilities as a PIFP fellow?

Writing, editing, and researching content for the publications of NCSL including State Legislatures Magazine and other reports read by state legislators.

What's the most interesting thing you've learned in your fellowship so far?

I think many people (including myself) are surprised to learn that state legislators are not always lawyers, but rather small business owners, farmers, doctors, etc. State legislatures are made up of people with diverse skill sets who want to make their state better.

Why did you want to become a PIFP Fellow?

I have always wanted to be a PIFP fellow since I got to CC. I have been consistently impressed by the scope of organizations CC has connections with. Whichever issue you may be passionate about—PIFP has an impressive partner organization that addresses it. The opportunity to work with compassionate people in effective organizations in the Front Range is one that I wouldn't pass up.

What activities outside of your work do you enjoy?

Exploring new cities, hiking, tennis, yoga, reading, skiing, and finding free samples.

What is something most people would be surprised to know about you?

I've done the world's highest bungee jump (709 feet!) on the Garden Route in South Africa.