

Attention Managers - Get ahead with a Jack Welch MBA, 100% online. Classes start on January 3rd. | [Read More >](#) | Ad



Jesse Bontecou

Executive Assistant to the Commissioner at Bureau of Labor and Industries

Portland, Oregon Area | Political Organization

Previous NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, Upstream Public Health, Avakian for Congress

Education Reed College

Send Jesse InMail

500+ connections

https://www.linkedin.com/in/jesse-bontecou-952712a

Background

Summary

Accomplished Campaign Manager with a 13-year record of victories in state, local, and issue campaigns.

Areas of Expertise: Campaign Management, Strategic Planning, Grassroots Organizing, Messaging & Communications, Coalition & Constituency Development, Fundraising, Volunteer Development, and Event Management.

Experience

Executive Assistant to the Commissioner

Bureau of Labor and Industries

November 2013 – Present (3 years) | 800 NE Oregon St, Portland OR

Political Director

NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon

October 2012 – February 2013 (5 months) | Portland, Oregon Area

- Developed and executed NARAL's 2012 campaign plan, including: budget, voter contact, political strategy, and political communications.
- Effectively coordinated all campaign activities with allied organizations, candidate campaigns, and elected officials to maximize the impact of our efforts.
- Designed NARAL's long-term strategic plan for community engagement, including: staff training, activist recruitment, communications, and development.
- Assisted the Executive Director in developing new community-partner allies for NARAL's legislative priorities.

Policy Manager

Upstream Public Health

December 2011 – September 2012 (10 months) | Portland, OR

- Managed the citywide campaign that convinced Portland's City Council to unanimously pass a city ordinance to fluoridate Portland's public water system, which reaches over 932,000 people.
- Successfully developed and directed a broad coalition of 79 organizations representing local hospitals, healthcare providers, businesses, and community organizations to create public and political support for water fluoridation.
- Worked with consultants to create compelling messaging and successfully executed both our media strategy and political outreach, earning editorial endorsements from the Oregonian and the Willamette Week.
- Strategically managed program staff, interns and resources.

CHOOSE ANY INTERNET THEN ADD PHONE + TV

\$ 34⁹⁰ more per month

COMCAST BUSINESS B4B GET IT NOW

(877) 852-9781

People Also Viewed



Tyler Larson

Policy Analyst, Building Codes Division at State of Oregon



James Barta

Legislative Director at Children First for Oregon



Brad Avakian

Commissioner at Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries



Sonny Mehta

A potent mix of focus, ambition, and campaign work ethic.



Pat Consoliver

--



Jack Shapiro

National Issues Campaign Manager at Organizing for Action

Jewel Woolsey

hairdresser at Le Harve Beauty Salon

Ben Wiggins

Experienced leader seeking entrepreneur mentors

Sarah Siegel

Creative Development @ The ACME Network

Christopher Proudfoot

Consultant

Jesse ran an amazing campaign. He is savvy, personable and knowledgeable. [View ↓](#)

Campaign Manager

Avakian for Congress

July 2011 – December 2011 (6 months) | Beaverton Oregon

- Effectively managed staff, resources, volunteers, and political relationships to execute the Avakian for Congress campaign plan and to achieve the campaign's goals.
- Developed and managed the campaign's relationship with political and community leaders, constituency groups, unions, and community organizations.
- Designed and implemented a volunteer-based field program that made over 125,500 calls and 9,400 knocks in only two months.
- Worked with campaign consultants to develop and refine the campaign's messaging, advertisements, and literature.

▼ 1 recommendation

Ted Roy

Teacher Club K, Teacher/ Assistant at Sevin's Daycare

Jesse and I go back to his time with the Democratic Party of Oregon and most recently in his post with the Avakian campaign. He selected a terrific field organizer and was the perfect balance for when staffers got too stressed out. All the people I... [View ↓](#)

Campaign Director

NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon

June 2010 – December 2010 (7 months)

- Developed and executed NARAL's 2010 campaign plan, including: budget, field, communications, and political strategy.
- Coordinated NARAL's strategy and campaign efforts with allied education, labor, and environmental organizations.
- Coordinated NARAL's strategy and campaign efforts with targeted candidates and their campaign organizations, including: the Governor's campaign, Senate Democratic Leadership Fund, and Oregon House Democrat's Future PAC.
- Managed NARAL's election communications with its database of 250,000 Pro-Choice voters.

▼ 1 recommendation

Stranger-Hunter Michele

Exec Director at NARAL Pro Choice ORegon

jesse has a political sense that borders on brilliant. He designed and implemented a comprehensive campaign plan that maximized on limited resources and secured not only a win but assured our place as one of the top influencers of winning the race... [View ↓](#)

Oregon Field Director

Obama's Campaign For Change

June 2008 – November 2008 (6 months)

- Created and executed the field-plan for Obama's Campaign for Change Oregon.
- Won the Obama campaign's national competition between state organizations for most voter contacts made per organizer.
- Managed and trained over 75 Obama Fellows, 28 Field Organizers, and 2 Regional Field Directors.
- Registered more than 53,000 new voters—the largest democratic registration edge in Oregon's history.
- Implemented a field program that recruited over 25,000 volunteers and made over 570,000 voter contacts.
- Led statewide field efforts that resulted in Senator Barack Obama winning Oregon by 16%—a margin of victory four times greater than John Kerry's campaign in 2004.
- Successfully coordinated Obama field efforts with statewide coalition partners which led to Democrats winning every statewide race, including Jeff Merkley's race for United States Senate.

▼ 2 recommendations

Donna Nyberg

Publisher, Owl Tree Press

Jesse has outstanding organizational and administrative skills to run any campaign or project. a hardworking hands on... [View ↓](#)

Jack Shapiro

National Issues Campaign Manager at ...

While working for me in Oregon, Jesse showed himself to be a knowledgeable and thorough Field Director. He knows the theory... [View ↓](#)

Deputy Political Director

Obama for America

based groups, and the LGBT community.

- Recruited and organized community leaders to create the LGBT Leadership Committee, Environment Leadership Committee, and African American Leadership Committee for Obama.
- Coordinated the campaign's communications with targeted constituent groups.

Deputy Field Director

Democratic National Committee

February 2006 – February 2008 (2 years 1 month) | Portland, Oregon Area

- Implemented the state party's non-election field plan in 14 counties.
- Executed the 2006 Governor's re-election field plan in 14 counties—leading to his victory by 8%.
- Responsible for the training and development of county party leadership and volunteers.
- Recruited, trained, and engaged more than 700 volunteer captains.
- Successfully developed and presented the State Party's volunteer-captain training program to more than 1,400 activists.

Field Organizer

Democratic Party of Oregon

August 2005 – January 2006 (6 months) | Portland, Oregon Area

- Developed and executed the Party's non-election year field plan.
- Created a youth outreach and internship program for the Party.
- Helped plan and manage all State Party events, including fundraisers, media events, volunteer trainings, house parties, and candidate campaign events.
- Organized and managed phone banks for fundraising, events, and volunteer recruitment.
- Responsible for the presentation and sale of advertising space for the State Party's Oregon Summit Program.

Statewide Organizer

Alliance for Justice

March 2005 – June 2005 (4 months) | Portland, Oregon Area

- Built a coalition against the appointment of Samuel Alito and John Roberts to the U.S. Supreme Court.
- One of six organizers who formed "Oregonian's for Checks and Balances," a coalition which represented more than 30,000 Oregonians.
- Responsible for outreach to rural communities to build a rural constituency base.
- Organized and managed volunteers for outreach, canvassing, and tabling.
- Responsible for media turnout and outreach.

Volunteer Coordinator

Carry Oregon 2004 Coordinated Campaign

June 2004 – November 2004 (6 months) | Portland, Oregon Area

- Recruited, trained, and engaged volunteers for the 2004 Coordinated Campaign.
- Managed and coordinated rallies with more than 75,000 supporters in attendance.
- Created a volunteer driven field program which made more than 3500,000 voter contacts in less than 3 months.
- Recruited, managed, and/or organized more than 26,799 volunteers and supporters.
- Trained volunteer coordinators in the campaign's 16 satellite field offices.

Event Organizer & Fundraiser

Democratic Party of Oregon

February 2004 – May 2004 (4 months) | Portland, Oregon Area

Sales Associate

Beaverton Lincoln Mercury Mitsubishi

February 2003 – January 2004 (1 year) | Portland, Oregon Area

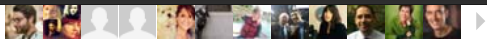




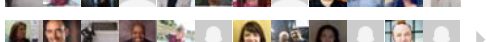



Sushi Chef

Saburo's Sushi House Restaurant

August 1997 – September 1999 (2 years 2 months) | Portland, Oregon Area



Skills


- 92 Community Outreach 
- 86 Politics 
- 76 Community Organizing 
- 62 Fundraising 
- 48 Political Campaigns 
- 38 Volunteer Management 
- 32 Public Speaking 
- 24 Political Communication 
- 23 Public Policy 

Jesse also knows about...

- 21 Nonprofits
- 20 Event Planning
- 17 Policy Analysis
- 15 Coalitions
- 12 Non-profits
- 11 Policy
- 10 Event Management
- 10 Political Consulting
- 9 Strategic Planning
- 8 Strategic Communications
- 8 Community Development
- 8 Press Releases
- 7 Community Engagement
- 7 Message Development
- 5 Leadership Development
- [See 25+ >](#)

 Education

Reed College
 Bachelor of Arts, Cultural Anthropology
 1996 – 2011
 Cultural Anthropology

 Volunteer Experience & Causes

Causes Jesse cares about:

- Civil Rights and Social Action
- Economic Empowerment
- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Human Rights
- Politics
- Poverty Alleviation
- Science and Technology
- Social Services

Recommendations

Given (1)

 **Chris Vetter**
Adviser

Policymakers... [more](#)

November 9, 2013, Jesse worked with Chris at Brad Avakian for U.S. Congress