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Evidence of Impact: [Audit-Trail of Systemic Interventions](#)

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Specialization: Structural Optimization of Human, Civic, & Physical Systems

Professional Profile

Columbia University-trained Systems Practitioner (MSSW) who diagnoses and resolves institutional, municipal, and physical blockages. Expert in transparency through data reconstruction and regulatory navigation. Applied identical systems methodology to personal finances—identified structural inefficiency in traditional rentals, redesigned for near-zero vacancy including a full secondary unit conversion, achieved full financial independence at age 32.

Key Systemic Interventions

I. Civic Systems & Governance

Budget Auditor & 2011 Mayoral Candidate | City of New Haven | 2007 – 2011

- **Data Reconstruction:** Manually audited and reconstructed the 2010–2011 municipal budget using raw city data; exposed obscured debt liabilities exceeding \$38,000 per household [\[\[Audit Reconstruction .xls\]\]](#).
- **Early Warning:** Flagged unsustainable municipal pension math (80% in low-yield bonds requiring unrealistic 25–30% returns from the rest to hit 8%), and unfunded liabilities (OPEB) well before GASB 45 implementation and public discourse.
- **Transparency Action:** After reconstructing budget from raw data and facing city claims of inaccuracy despite using their own figures, secured FOI ruling [\[\[FIC 2009-014\]\]](#) requiring provision of official digital spreadsheets; highlighted how obfuscation in 600+ pages hid simple truths.
- **Reluctant Candidacy:** After two years attempting to recruit others to challenge the 18 year incumbent mayor (identified as primary blockage in strong-mayor system) and exhausting board/audit commission influence efforts, ran as independent when no one else would; executed data-driven 5-month campaign with small team, narrowly missing by 1600 votes despite 14:1 spending disadvantage.

Operational Recovery | Volunteer Fire Department | 2019

- **Intervention:** Predicted a state-level regulatory crackdown; stabilized a department facing a state-ordered shutdown due to chronic documentation and readiness gaps.
- **Outcome:** Audited and corrected systemic compliance failures; successfully navigated regulatory oversight to pass a surprise state inspection and preserve community emergency infrastructure [\[\[State Marshal Inspection Report\]\]](#).

Governance Overhaul | Land Owners Association (250+ Lots) | 2026

- **Intervention:** Authored a 59-page rewrite to sunset obsolete bylaws and resolve board power struggles that had escalated to repeated threats and confrontations requiring police presence [\[\[Reform Proposal\]\]](#).

- **Outcome:** Re-engineered the organization into a transparent, data-driven Road Maintenance Utility with established scoring metrics and fiscal accountability.

II. Human Systems (Clinical & Organizational)

Mobile Crisis Clinician | Cambridge Hospital Psychiatric ER | 2001 – 2003

- **Systemic Throughput:** Replaced a stagnant, typewritten bed-finding list with a digitized regional network [\[\[Divert Status Repair Audit\]\]](#); expanded the active database from 44 to 79 hospitals and 23 to 51 detox units.
- **Outcome:** Eliminated "divert" status and multi-day patient boarding by providing clinicians with real-time access to 100% of regional capacity.
- **Life-Save Intervention:** In psych ER, recognized acute alcohol withdrawal in an agitated, foul-smelling patient the team planned to discharge due to presentation and demands to leave; contacted shelters, confirmed no psychiatric history, and secured medical admission instead. Prevented probable fatal outcome [\[\[ER Email\]\]](#).

Lead Organizer | Union of Social Workers (CHA) | 1999 – 2003

- **Structural Equity:** Utilized labor data and pay-scale analysis to negotiate and implement the facility's first equitable clinical step-pay system.

Clinical Practitioner | Intraspectus, LLC & Private Practice | 2003 – 2018

- **Intervention:** Specialized in high-acuity psychotherapy and systemic familial stabilization via a "house-call" model focused on direct environmental intervention.

III. Physical & Ecological Systems

Interpretive Naturalist | CT DEP (Kellogg Center) | 1997 – 1998

- **Operational Scale:** Matched the facility's 12-month program volume in just 5 months by auditing outreach gaps and building the first centralized database of 75+ regional youth organizations [\[\[Operational Metrics Dossier\]\]](#).
- **Policy Design:** Authored the State of Connecticut's first official volunteer policy for the DEP to ensure long-term structural sustainability for facility operations.

Residential Construction Lead | Independent Projects

- **Technical Mastery:** Solo-built two residential properties from foundation to finish.
- **Scope of Work:** Self-performed structural masonry (repointing/supporting load-bearing brick), MEP systems (Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC), and complete envelope restoration.
- **Verification:** Navigated multi-phase municipal inspections to achieve legal Certificates of Occupancy for all self-managed builds [\[\[Certificate of Occupancy\]\]](#).

Education & Technical Credentials

- **Master of Science in Social Work (MSSW)** | Columbia University, New York, NY
- **Certificate of Occupancy (Residential)** | New Haven, CT (Self-Performed Structural Build)
- **Bachelor of Science in Environmental Education** | Audubon Expedition Institute / Rutgers University