Samantha currently works for the City of Phoenix in the City Manager's Office supporting the City Manager directly as a Management Assistant. She oversees several special projects as assigned by the City Manager, oversees the City Manager's Office budget of \$2.6 million, leads interdepartmental projects on behalf of the City Manager, and solves resident inquiries that are directed to the City Manager.

Sam began her career with the City of Phoenix as a Management Intern, rotating through three different departments, then moved on to the Public Works Solid Waste Division in two different roles. She is a Phoenix Hispanic Network board member, serving as the Board Treasurer, and is the Special Events, Marketing, and Communications Subcommittee Chair.

Prior to joining the City of Phoenix, Sam studied International Relations and Portuguese at the University of California, Davis and received her Master's Degree in Public Administration from San Jose State University. She has also worked for the cities of Mountain View and Campbell located in California, as well as with a nonprofit focused on providing service to adults with developmental disabilities.

When she is not nerding out at work, Sam is likely at the gym, doing some outdoorsy thing, cuddling up with a good book, or dreaming of the day when she finally adopts a canine friend.