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University of Southern California (USC) – Los Angeles, CA

Bachelor of Arts Degree: International Relations (May 2022)

GPA: 3.938

- Presidential Merit Scholarship, Thematic Option Honors Program, Dean's List

Master of Public Diplomacy (Progressive Degree candidate, May 2022)

GPA: 4.0

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Hidden Scars – London, United Kingdom

Community Engagement Intern

Aug 2020 – present

- Connect and support grassroots activists fighting to end violence against women and girls
- Create monthly content plans and ideas, distribute information to the 160+ founding members, and serve as second-in-command to Founder

Global Policy Institute – Los Angeles, CA

Research Fellow

Jan 2020 – present

- Conduct research and write reports regarding global poverty and human security issues for publication by Institute
- Organize, publicize, and moderate campus-wide events to facilitate awareness of international issues

U.S. Department of State, Humanitarian Information Unit – Washington, D.C.

VSFS MapGive Intern

Jun-Sep 2020

- Assisted with State Department's MapGive initiative via the Virtual Student Federal Service (VSFS)
- Created geographic data to support humanitarian relief and development programs
- Used skill-building assignments to gain GIS software knowledge in OpenStreetMap, JOSM, Mapillary, Field Papers, and OpenMapKit

Walk in Hong Kong – Hong Kong

USC Global Fellows Intern

May-Jul 2019

- Selected for fully funded 10-week internship to experience interplay between Chinese and Western cultural values and professional practices
- Curated small business website content, designed website layout, developed innovative workshops for clients, and assisted with walking tour design

USC Sol Price Center for Social Innovation – Los Angeles, CA

Affordable Los Angeles Project, Research Assistant

Jan-May 2019

- Conducted ~35 extensive questionnaires seeking sensitive and personal information regarding finances, physical and mental health histories, criminal history, and familial relationships in North and South Promise Zone neighborhoods of Los Angeles to gather data on rent burden
- Forged immediate trust relationships with people from various cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds in order to obtain candid and accurate data

INVOLVEMENT

Delta Phi Epsilon, Vice President of Internal Affairs, USC professional foreign service society

Aug 2018 – present

- Co-authored letter to USC's Political Science and International Relations department urging it to address racism and sexism within its curriculum and better prepare its students to be global scholars
- Co-founded the Stand for Justice campaign, which raised awareness of racial inequalities via publication of informational material, a phone banking event, and fundraising which resulted in \$107,382 donated to organizations promoting racial equality
- Lead weekly wellness chats to facilitate open conversation about student mental health and foster a healthy campus community environment
- Plan and schedule retreats, formals, and community-building events for 100+ members utilizing diverse themes and venues while maximizing budget

Alternate Winter Break in Rajasthan, India, Volunteer

Dec 2019

- Taught 40+ children in a make-shift school; developed custom-made lesson plans to fit various learning levels while being sensitive to familial obligations and economic realities of community
- Gained valuable experience working in an under-resourced area and expanded interest in poverty alleviation and human security

LANGUAGES

English (native speaker), French (working proficiency)