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Human Rights | Political Science | International Relations | Foreign Policy | Advocacy and Research

Accomplished professional with 5+ years of experience in Human Rights, Political Science, International Relations, and Foreign Policy at NGO's, think tanks, local government, and human rights organizations, including: advocacy, research, and policy analysis. Experience in producing publications, contributing to reports, and facilitating dialogue engagement on issues of policy, rights, and governance. Effective research and communication skills with the proven ability to provide support to government and non-government personnel to support multiple projects. Strong leader with proven success supporting programs and operations, spanning grants, donor management, finance, resource utilization, and project management to support and achieve organizational objectives. Lead by contributing to the development of core guidelines, policies, and tools.

International Impact Reports
Engagement Management
Budgeting and Forecasting
Program Administration

Time Management
Capacity Building
Strategic Planning
Program Compliance

Team Leadership
Operational Excellence
Donor Management
Grants Management

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sana'a Center for Strategic Studies

New York City, NY

Research Assistant

August 2018 – February 2019

- Tracked and monitored Sana'a Center's activities, national, and international impact reports/outcomes.
- Prepared internal lobbying reports and bios pertaining to the group's and individual's issues of interest.
- Helped draft and track deadlines to upcoming donor reporting requirements. Compiled, summarized, and analyzed local and international developments regarding Yemen by closely tracking online sources.
- Assisted in event planning by contacting potential speakers, booking venues, and brainstorming subject material pertinent to vested parties. Attended meetings and interviews with international stakeholders.

Amnesty International USA

New York City, NY

Undergraduate Research Assistant

January 2018 – June 2018

- Identified and built case reports for the gun violence campaign's report on 'Stand Your Ground' laws.
- Constructed case briefs and drafted correspondence to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) pertaining to the cases of police accountability and use of deadly force, including that for the case of Bijan Ghaisar.
- Deeply experienced in conducting research and policy analysis in relation to the arrest and detention of "Black Identity Extremists" by the FBI and the joint FBI/DOJ practices of targeting said extremists.

Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office

New York City, NY

Junior Researcher / Representative

September 2017 – May 2018

- Facilitated dialogue engagement by means of planning and conducting discussion centered events for targeted audiences. Reviewed and focused on the right to freedom of religion or belief in Pakistan.
- Engaged in consultation dialogues with Pakistani Mission to the UN, concerning the Universal Periodic.
- Workshopped research pieces with a given subject area, worked towards a specialization topic, focusing on the relationship between women's rights and the right to freedom of religion or belief.
- Provided leadership and actively participated in the technical and contextual planning and preparation of the organization's 2018 Spring Seminar on Refugees and the Global Migration Crisis.

TheOdysseyOnline

New York City, NY

Writer

June 2016 – January 2018

- Produced written content usually pertaining to political and social subject matters in a college publication intended to reach college students across the country. Conducted research and wrote opinion pieces on various political issues including terrorism, human rights, foreign policy, etc.

Manhattan Borough President's Office

New York City, NY

Intern

May 2017 – September 2017

- Conducted deep research, data entry, and budget report filing for policy and budget departments.
- Compiled a reports/presentation through the analysis of large pools of data in relation to community.
- Collaborated with other interns to compile a comprehensive report on the steps to be taken to close down Rikers Island, focusing on mental health courts, and alternatives for mentally ill inmates.

NYC Council Member Ben Kallos

New York, NY

Intern

January 2017 – July 2017

- Addressed constituent concerns regarding a variety of issues. Referred constituent problems to relevant government agencies. Actively attended the community and council meetings on behalf of the office.

Pakistan Permanent Mission to United Nations

New York City, NY

Advisor Assistant

May 2016 – August 2016

- Assigned to attend conferences pertaining to human rights debates. Conducted research and provided input for Member State positions. Conducted mock resolutions from varying national perspectives.

EDUCATION

City University of New York – Hunter College

New York City, NY

Bachelor of Arts

January, 2021

Areas: Major in Political Science, Minor in Human Rights, Concentrations in International Relation & English

Coursework: Democracy and Development, Civil Society Movements, Criticism of Human Rights Theory, International Human Rights Enforcement, Political Science, Rhetorical Criticism, Human Rights, Politics of Terrorism, and American Foreign Policy

Thesis: Historical Analysis, Multi-Dimensional Realities, and Emerging Frameworks: International Mediation, Efficacy, Key Challenges and State-Building in Yemen's Fragile Civil Conflict

Honors: Thomas Hunter Honors Program, Roosevelt Honors Scholar Program, and Dean's List

PUBLICATIONS

TheOdysseyOnline.com

- *Will The Florida Shooting Finally Lead To Legislation Reform?* 2018
- *The Flawed Analysis Of The Report Connecting Immigration And Terrorism.* 2018
- *Pakistan's Political Future: The Influence Of Tehreek-e-Labaik And Protests.* 2017
- *What The UN Needs To Improve With The Protection Of The Environment In Areas Of Armed Conflict.* 2017
- *Why The 'War On Terrorism' Really Shouldn't Be Seen As A War.* 2016

UUA.org

- *Women's Rights and Freedom of Religion.* Nov, 2017

Researchgate

- *The Failure of Civil Society in Yemen: Preventing Civil War, and Prospects for Possible Future Role in Alleviation.* Jul, 2020

Academia.edu

- *Historical Analysis, Multi-Dimensional Realities and Emerging Frameworks: International Mediation, Efficacy, Key Challenges and State-Building in Yemen's Fragile Civil Conflict.* Jul, 2020