

# Tavleen Alexandra Tarrant

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## EDUCATION

### **Columbia University, Graduate School of Journalism**

Master of Science (M.S.) in Journalism

New York  
Aug 2021 - Aug 2022

#### ● **Activities/Membership**

- Speakers Director for Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) at Columbia
- Selected for the NBCUniversal Tony Coelho Scholarship Media Scholarship.
- Selected for third semester documentary specialization.
- Currently working on a documentary about Afghan refugee resettlement in the United States and a documentary about decriminalizing sex work in New York.

### **The University of New South Wales (UNSW)**

Bachelor of Arts and Social Sciences (B.A.S.S) in International Relations – Honors, Class 1 (First Class)

Sydney, Australia  
March 2018 - Feb. 2019

- **Thesis (High Distinction):** "*Manufacturing Maids in Malaysia.*" *The Commodification, Trafficking, and Forced Labor of Domestic Workers in the Globalized Economy: Examining the Malaysia Case.*
  - An honors year is a one year post-graduate program in Australian universities where students complete a thesis and are awarded honors upon completion.

### **The University of Queensland (UQ)**

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Psychology and International Relations

Brisbane, Australia  
Mar 2014 - Jun 2017

### **Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)**

Exchange Program

Paris, France

Jan 2016 - May 2016

### **Mont Kiara International School**

International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Aug 2011 – May 2013

## EXPERIENCE

### **Freelance Reporter**

Culver City, California  
Jan 2020 – September 2021

- Researched, pitched, and wrote articles for publications about politics, gender, and labor rights.
- Bylines in Al Jazeera, Huffington Post, Digital Trends, Ms. Magazine, The American Independent, Men's Health, Shadowproof, and LA Taco.

### **Reuters News, Kuala Lumpur Bureau**

Reporting Intern

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
Sept 2017 – Dec 2017

- Attended press conferences and captured videos and photos of significant events in Malaysia like a school fire that killed 23 individuals, as well as the Kim Jong-nam assassination trial.
- Wrote two articles about Malaysian politics and received two reporting credits during internship.

### **Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect**

Research Intern

Brisbane, Australia  
Feb 2017 – July 2017

- Charted the development of a baseline report on Laos to present at a UN General Assembly meeting about the Responsibility to Protect doctrine.

### **Women's Aid Organization**

Refuge Shelter and Administrative Intern

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
2014 and 2015

- Improved the organization's hotline, assisting women through crises such as domestic violence situations, workplace harassment, sexual harassment, and assault.
- Developed therapy options for the children at the refuge shelter like equine therapy.
- Handled administrative work and created campaign awareness for domestic violence on social media.
- Coordinated skill-building programs through teaching English lessons and conducting computer classes for adults.
- Taught children and assisted in childcare duties for children at the shelter aged between 2-10 years old.
- Assisted social workers in accompanying clients and client's children for outings.
- Aided social workers in preparing for the annual statistics report for the shelter.

## SKILLS

**Languages:** English (Native), Malay (Intermediate), Spanish (Elementary), French (Elementary)

**Technical Proficiencies:** Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Cloud & Acrobat, Google Drive, IBM SPSS Statistical Software, LexisNexis, Final Cut Pro, Spreadsheets, Social Media, Refinitiv Eikon, Photography/Videography

