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## MAJOR INTERESTS

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Global governance; future-proofing and strategic foresight; intergenerational justice; future generations; environmental justice and governance; open governance and data transparency; gender equality; social movements; qualitative and quantitative methods.

## EDUCATION

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**University of Oxford** – Oxford, UK October 2022 - August 2023

M.Sc. Global Governance and Diplomacy, Oxford Department of International Development

Dissertation: *Global Governance for Future Generations: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Intergenerational Justice in the UN*

Honors: Weidenfeld-Hoffmann Trust Scholar

**The University of Texas at Austin** – Austin, USA August 2019 - May 2022

B.A. International Relations and Global Studies, College of Liberal Arts

Capstone Project: *Practicing Intergenerational Justice and Protecting the Rights of Future Generations in the United Nations*

B.A. Latin American Studies, College of Liberal Arts

Capstone Project: *8 de Marzo: An Analysis of Fourth-Wave Feminism and The Rise of a New Political Generation in Mexico*

Minor in French Studies

Honors: Dean's Distinguished Graduate, degrees awarded with honors

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Southern Voice** – *Executive Strategy Officer*; Remote August 2024 – Present

*Southern Voice is a network & evidence hub of 70 think tanks from the Global South shaping the agenda on sustainable development*

- Leading the coordination of the strategic implementation plan and the organization's long-term financial sustainability efforts
- Managing the Executive Director's agenda and acting as her spokesperson for internal and external communications
- Organizing fundraising endeavors and donor stewardship for the organization's programs and biennial research conference
- Collaborating in policy, engagement, research, and communications activities for our members in Latin America, Asia, & Africa
- Supporting projects about equity in research, finance for development, gender equality, artificial intelligence, and future thinking

**Girl Up Org.** – *Global Board Member*; Remote & In-person June 2023 – Present

*First alumni representative in Girl Up's inaugural working advisory group to provide input, oversight, and accountability*

- Counseling on the organization's operations impacting more than 247,000 young women and girls in over 150 countries
- Providing substantive input and approving the organization's strategic direction and vision
- Overseeing and approving the organization's annual business plans, operating budget, and changes in governance framework
- Identifying and managing strategic, reputational, financial, legal, and operational risks
- Supporting Girl Up's CEO and Senior Leadership Team to advance their mission in the gender justice field

**American Chamber of Commerce of Mexico** – *Economic Development Projects Coordinator*; In-person March 2024 – August 2024

*First coordinator for AmCham's Trade & Investment Center activities nation-wide*

- Managed the chamber's Commission for the Promotion of Investment and Economic Development (COFIDE)
- Produced and led logistics of "North America Week," a national hybrid event with +200 attendees to promote bilateral investment
- Organized business delegations to the USA for the Select USA Summit, SEMICON West Expo, and the Battery Show Expo
- Collaborated with the Mexican Consular System to organize investment seminars to promote foreign direct investment in Mexico
- Advocated for the advancement of strategic industries: semiconductors, electromobility, agroindustry, and medical devices
- Consolidated the regionalization of nearshoring efforts in northeast Mexico (Nuevo León, Tamaulipas, Coahuila, & San Luis Potosí)

**G20– Y20 India 2023 Mexican Representative**; Remote & In-person February 2023 – August 2023

*Five Mexican Representatives were appointed by the Mexican Government for the G20's Youth Summit (Y20)*

- Led the Mexican delegation's policy work in the track "Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance"
- Elaborated policy proposals on community governance, institutionalization of leadership, and policymaking for the G20's youth
- Developed and negotiated the proposal of introducing a Y20 delegation for the G20 Sherpa Track to advocate for long-termism
- Co-authored [Multilateralism for the Future](#), a policy brief for the T20 proposing pathways to reform multilateralism
- Produced strategies with the Mexican Office of Foreign Relations and National Youth Institute to better represent Mexican Youth

**United Nations Foundation** – *Next Generation Fellow*; Remote & In-person January 2021 – January 2022

*Eight Next Generation Fellows were appointed to respond the Secretary-General's request for youth to shape Our Common Agenda*

- Wrote and developed [Our Future Agenda](#) report with policy proposals for the Executive Office of the Secretary-General

- Analyzed youth's recommendations for the Secretary-General's 75<sup>th</sup> General Assembly report [Our Common Agenda](#)
- Ensured that the voices of young people were embedded in discussions across all 12 commitments of the UN75 Declaration
- Advised on young people's civic engagement and political participation in the multilateral system
- Led meetings with the UN Youth Envoy, the UN Deputy Secretary-General, and the UN Foundation CEO
- Convened the [Unlock the Future](#) coalition during the negotiations of the [Unlock Declaration](#)
- Presented recommendations and findings on the protection of next and future generations to UN Member States and experts

**Humanity Lab Foundation**- *Research and Policy Associate*; Remote September 2020 – February 2021

- Developed research topics for policy recommendations on the multilateral system
- Investigated the economy, infrastructure, ecosystems, and technology in sustainable development
- Studied the democratization of international dialogues and the politicization of data

**Texas Global**- *Customer Service Associate*; Austin, Texas / Remote January 2020 – May 2020

- Resolved phone, walk-in, and email inquiries to address concerns on the COVID-19 pandemic
- Assisted undergraduate and graduate students with navigating university resources and programs
- Maintained confidentiality of Category 1 data from international students and supported administrative work

**Girl Up Org.** *Club Founding President, Teen Advisor & Coalition Leader*; Monterrey, Mexico August 2017 – May 2019

- Founded and presided Girl Up Monterrey, a club that organized leadership development events for young women and girls
  - First international club to achieve *Top Club of the School Year* award
- Raised over \$100,000 MXN for *School Cycle* and *Give Her a Future* in benefit of UNICEF and UNHCR
- Co-led Girl Up's first northeastern Mexican coalition in five states
- Organized inaugural *Pink Parliament* in Nuevo Leon's Congress and coached students on writing legislation
- Directed inaugural *Mexican Regional Summit* with 200 assistants
- Improved global communication strategies as member of the Teen Advisor Class 2018-2019

## ENTREPRENEURIAL PROJECTS

**Cabilde** – *Cofounder*; Web App Development June 2020 - Present

- Promoting technology-driven solutions to make lobbying accessible and congressional data easier to understand
- Designed a software as a service tool to democratize legislative information from Nuevo Leon's Congress
- Developed minimum viable product through The University of Texas at Austin's WIELD incubator
- Designed a business model with cofounder through Johns Hopkins University's FastForwardU incubator

**Activismos & Quietismos** – *Producer & Host*; Podcast August 2020 – August 2022

- Planned, recorded, and edited interviews with community organizers, activists, and social entrepreneurs from Latin America
- Reached over 400 listeners in eight countries through Spotify and Apple Podcasts

## PUBLICATIONS

### Papers

- Steven and Colunga, "Multilateralism for the Future: New Challenges, New Models, New Solutions," *T20 Policy Brief, June 2023*.

### Reports

- G20 and Y20, "Y20 India 2023 Communiqué," *Varanasi, India, August 2023*.
- Next Generation Fellows, "Our Future Agenda," *Washington DC, United Nations Foundation, September 2021*.

## AWARDS, HONORS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Weidenfeld-Hoffmann Trust Scholarship Recipient 2022
- Best Undergraduate Capstone Project from The Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies 2022
- Rhodes Trust Global Scholarship Finalist 2021
- *Cum laude ampla et magna* Spring 2021
- General ISSS Financial Aid Award Recipient 2021
- Ethel Loving de Diaz Scholarship Recipient 2021
- Senate of College Councils William Powers Jr. Endowed Scholarship Recipient 2021
- Student of the Year Nominee of DivInc's Champions of Change Awards 2021
- Tuition Assistance for Mexican Students at UT Austin Recipient 2021, 2020, 2019
- Teresa Lozano Long Academic Scholarship Recipient 2021, 2020
- Jeannie Hunter Hackett Memorial Scholarship Recipient 2021

- Francisco J. Garza Scholarship Receptient 2021
- *Magna cum laude* Fall 2020
- IBC Bank Foundation Scholarship Receptient 2020
- LLILAS Benson Community Engagement Award Receptient 2020

## TALKS & CONFERENCES

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- Summit of the Future Action Days** – Panelist for Igarapé’s *Advancing Global Governance Reform G20 Roundtable* September 2024
- International Futures Conference** – Moderator for *The Next 8 Billion* Special Session June 2023
- Weidenfeld-Hoffmann Annual Debate** – Opening debater for the Proposition Team at the Oxford Union March 2023
- TEDxUTAustin**– Speaker presenting [Building Our Shared Future](#) March 2022
- Expo Dubai 2020**– Guest for *Sustainable Development Goals Week* January 2022
- Women Deliver Conference** – Speaker for Girl Up Org.’s Special Session June 2019

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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### Network of Institutions for Future Generations

*Member* January 2024 – Present

### The Oxford Union

*Member* October 2022 - Present

### The Friar Society (UT Austin’s oldest honor society)

*Member* March 2022 - Present

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE & VOLUNTEER WORK

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### Texas Spirits

*Active Member* August 2020 – May 2022

*Spring 2020 Pledge Class Community Service Officer* February 2020 – May 2020

### Women’s Initiative for Entrepreneurship and Leadership Development (WIELD)

*Inaugural Cohort Member* January 2020 – December 2021

### Texas Tour Guides

*Student Ambassador* June 2021- July 2021

### Mu Epsilon Theta

*Alpha Chapter Motivational Co-chair* January 2020 – May 2020

*Alpha Tau Pledge Class President* September 2019- December 2019

### Latinx Leadership Institute

*Alumna* October 2019 – December 2019

### Liberal Arts Council

*Academic Affairs Committee Member* August 2019 – December 2019

## TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

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### Language Proficiencies

- Spanish (Native)
- English (Bilingual)
- French (Upper Intermediate)
- Portuguese (Intermediate)

### Computer Skills

- Certified in Microsoft Word, Power Point, and Excel
- Proficiency in NVivo
- Basic proficiency in Stata