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Education

Columbia University Law School, Juris Doctor | *New York, NY* **Anticipated 2026**

Affiliations: Max Berger '71 Public Interest Fellow • Human Rights Institute 1L Advocate • LEAD Fellow

Davis Polk Asylum Clinic • Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

Smith Family Human Rights Clinic, Research Assistant (Poverty and Inequality & Transitional Justice Projects)

Leadership: Human Rights Association, Strategy Committee • Racial Literacy for Racial Justice, Applied Research Chair

Society of International Law, Publicity Co-Chair • Public Interest Law Foundation, Community Grants Chair

National Lawyers Guild • Society for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, 1L Rep • ACLU-CLS, 1L Rep

London School of Economics and Political Sciences (LSE), MSc in Conflict Studies | *London, UK* **2023**

Thesis: Roadmap to Reparations: A Global Exploration into the Past and Future of Financial Reparations Programs

Leadership: Editor in Chief, The Beacon (Amnesty International Journal)

Columbia University/Sciences Po, BA in Human Rights/BA in Political Science | *New York/Menton, France* **2021**

Thesis: Repatriation vs. Resettlement: The Role of UNRWA in the Stalemate of the Palestinian Refugee Crisis

Leadership: Senior Class President, GSSC • Editor in Chief of Yearbook, Policy Review, and La Zadig (Newspaper)

Academic Awards: Summa Cum Laude • Phi Beta Kappa • Columbia Alumni Key Award • Dean's List • Honor Society

Professional Experience

Ridgeway Information, Nuclear Non-Proliferation Assistant Researcher

London, UK & Remote

October 2022 – Present

Undertake analysis and research related to nuclear non-proliferation in GCC countries, Libya, Syria, and Iraq. Read, condense, and evaluate large quantities in preparation of reports for the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

United States State Department, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Intern; Human Rights Report Intern

Washington, DC (Remote)

May 2021 – September 2021; September 2018 – May 2018

Established standard operating procedures with the goal of improved diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility.

Contributed to the 2018 Human Rights Report. Researched and analyzed human rights practices and violations.

African American Redress Network (AARN), Program Officer

New York, NY

October 2020 – June 2022

Led student efforts in mapping human rights abuses and redress efforts. Supported technical consultancies through research, creating educational modules, designing walking tours, and providing logistical assistance for events.

United Nations Resident Coordinator Office of Jordan, Human Rights Researcher

Amman, Jordan (Remote)

July 2020 – September 2020

Conducted research on human rights abuses and legal policies in Jordan to assist UNRCO in the pursuit of humanitarian action and the promotion of human rights. Applied human rights norms to realities emerging due to COVID-19.

Public International Law and Policy Group, Research Intern

Washington, DC

June 2019 – August 2019

Conducted research and analysis for the firm president and research team regarding international human rights law, courts and tribunals, peacekeeping, transitional justice, and negotiations. Supported writings on the Syrian peace process.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency, Education Consultant; Social Work Aide

Amman & Zarqa, Jordan

January 2017 – August 2018

Supported efforts to revise curriculum for Palestinian refugees. Wrote and edited departmental reports on education and human rights. Assisted social workers on the ground in Zarqa Camp through field visits and programmatic support. Interviewed constituents, gathered information, and managed cases to ensure best possible outcomes.

Languages: Advanced French, Intermediate Spanish, Beginner Arabic

Certifications: Legal Observer, NYS Approved Mediator

Publications: The Futility of Retributive Justice in International Law, *LSE Houghton St Press* (2023)

A Constructed Reality, *Columbia University's Asia Pacific Affairs Council Journal* (2020)