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EDUCATION

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Arts, Department of Politics

- Concentration in International Relations, Race and Identity Track. Minors in French & History | GPA: 3.847

Princeton, NJ

2023-2027

EXPERIENCE

International Organization on Migration – The United Nations

Intern, Missing Migrants Project

- Co-authored a report on African migration routes, to be presented to the African Union, highlighting key trends, risk factors, and data gaps.
- Analyzed and visualized Missing Migrants Project (MMP) data in Excel to identify patterns in migrant deaths and disappearances.
- Researched and wrote a forthcoming blog series on underreported “invisible shipwrecks,” shedding light on unrecorded maritime migration tragedies.

Berlin, Germany

Summer 2025

Research Assistant

For Professor Christopher Blair

- Evaluated UN data to assess inhibiting factors to humanitarian aid accessibility in post-conflict Afghanistan.
- Analyzed survey responses from nonprofit volunteers and elected officials to assess perspectives on refugee integration.
- Conducted a comprehensive literature review on border externalization and migrant deterrence policies.

Princeton University

2024 - Present

Office of the Governor of NJ

Intern, Intergovernmental Affairs

- Researched and drafted a policy memo addressing police brutality in Trenton following a DOJ report, including a brief cost analysis for proposed solutions; presented findings to senior staff.
- Monitored and analyzed over 50 local issues and news articles weekly, identifying key issues for the Governor’s review and collaboration with local stakeholders.

Trenton, NJ

2024

Freedom For Immigrants

National Detention Hotline Intern

- Managed the Civil Rights Complaint Submission Project, organizing and submitting complaints related to civil rights violations.
- Reached out to congressional representatives to escalate cases of severe abuse, advocating for immediate intervention.
- Reviewed 30-50 calls and documented 20 voicemails in the FFI database every week, ensuring accurate tracking of detainee experiences.

Remote

2024

SOS Méditerranée

Intern, International Development Office

- Wrote and compiled a grant proposal for the Sheikh Fatima Fund, securing \$1 million in funding for operational initiatives.
- Translated documents between English and French to support international communication efforts, ensuring accuracy in messaging.

Marseille, France

2024

EXTRACURRICULARS & ACTIVITIES

Center for International Security Studies

Undergraduate Fellow, Staff Ride Team

- Coordinated a 40-person trip to Gettysburg for a Staff Ride, facilitating discussions on leadership tactics in historical and real-world contexts.
- Planned a 20-person international Staff Ride to Korea (March 2025) to examine the Korean War’s strategic lessons.
- Co-led the Fall 2024 Crisis Simulation on the Invasion of Manchuria, guiding participants in developing decision-making and strategic thinking skills in a simulated international conflict.
- Engaged with scholars and high-ranking officials during speaker events and dinners, deepening understanding of international security issues and policy strategies.

Princeton University

2024 - Present

Princeton University Ballet

Assistant Artistic Director

- Lead and manage a 60-member company, working alongside the Artistic Director to develop and execute the creative vision for both the company’s direction and semesterly productions.
- Oversee semesterly photoshoots, choreograph and co-direct concept videos, and teach company ballet classes while mentoring and setting an example for incoming freshmen.
- Manage weekly rehearsal schedules, ensuring efficient coordination and high artistic standards for performances.

Princeton University

2023 - Present

Undergraduate Student Government

Mental Health Committee

- Collaborated with University Health Services to successfully reduce co-pays for off-campus therapy from \$20 to \$10.
- Represented the Mental Health Committee during Student Health Advisory Committee meetings, voicing student concerns and contributing to health policy discussions.

Princeton University

2024

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Languages:** Fluent in French & proficient in Spanish.
- Skills:** Data Analysis (R & RStudio), Methodology in Politics Research, Policy Research, Interpreting, Graphic Design, & Video Editing.