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PROFILE

Dynamic writer, strategist, and change consultant captivated by how the stories we tell ourselves inspire our reality. Driven by intentional curiosity, compassionate collaboration, and bold creativity. Set apart by diverse experience, analytical perspective, and dedicated capacity for success.

EDUCATION

2019, THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
*M.A. International Affairs,
Conflict & Conflict Resolution*

2015, GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A. International Relations & Arabic

2009, SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP
Certificate, Leadership Development Program

EXPERIENCE

2020-23 Research Liaise & Operations Lead • USA for IOM- UN Migration nonprofit • Washington D.C.

- Developed, edited, and approved written content including appeals and reports, articles, proposals, and copy used for fundraising and awareness-raising
- Guided and Edited Model UN Curriculum on migration policy, facilitated multi-national research endeavors, and provided talking points for educational briefings, advocacy, and public dialogue
- Participated in events, international trips, and conferences gleaning insight and raising awareness for key migration issues

2019-20 Portfolio Liaise & Consultant • IOM- UN Migration • Washington D.C.

- Drafted and reviewed briefings, policy papers, and guideline documents ensuring efficient office communications for IOM DC's largest donor-funded portfolio
- Liaised with the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance for COVID-19 response by monitoring and proofing situation reports for a global portfolio
- Reviewed proposals and reports ensuring standard adherence for both donor and UN communication standards

2018 Research & Editing Intern • The Arab Center • Washington D.C.

- Researched, monitored, and summarized relevant literature and sources for policy analysis articles
- Edited, proofread, fact-checked, and contributed to staff publications
- Assisted in the planning and implementation of events and conferences on Middle East issues and policies

2015-17 Employment Specialist & ELL Assistant • Bethany Christian Services • Grand Rapids, MI

- Collaborated with state social programming eliminating barriers to employment and self-sufficiency and managed Arabic-speaking refugee case plans
- Reviewed materials for a vocation-focused English (ELL) program
- Contributed to curriculum for community-led workshops addressing social, health, and gender-specific issues

2010-11 Assistant • Redeeming Roses • Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

- Developed marketing material for a program selling handmade items in the US
- Edited monthly newsletters, pamphlets, and program materials for NGO programming aiding women experiencing abuse and exploitation
- Reviewed presentations on human-trafficking prevention and other relevant topics

EXPERTISE

Copyediting & proofreading

Speech & ghostwriting

International storytelling

Collaborative problem-solving

Strategic planning

Intensive research