

JULIETTE VERLAQUE

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Profile

Communications and policy professional with 4+ years of experience crafting messaging for senior principals, managing public-facing events, and producing content on foreign policy and human rights issues in Congress, the State Department, and the nonprofit sector. Proven ability to distill complex topics into clear, compelling materials that advance advocacy goals and support high-level engagement. Former journalist for the Columbia Daily Spectator and TheWrap with proficiency in French and Spanish.

Education

Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Washington, D.C

Master of Arts in International Relations (MAIR), May 2025

- Concentration: Security, Strategy and Statecraft & Europe/Eurasia; GPA: 3.92
- Coursework: Media Wars, Politics of Protest, Writing for Policy, Corporate Diplomacy, Statistics, International Economics

Barnard College of Columbia University, New York, NY

Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude, May 2020

- Major: Political Science and Human Rights; GPA: 3.85
- Study abroad: School for International Training, Valparaiso, Chile, Spring 2019
- Capstone: "From Intervention to Civil War: The Failure to Build Peace in Libya"

Professional Experience

U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Conflict Operations and Stabilization, Washington D.C.

Student Intern, January 2025-April 2025

- Briefed senior decisionmakers across multiple regional portfolios on target research, including East Africa, the Great Lakes, and West Africa
- Synthesized key findings from a high-level policy exercise on Burundi, enabling policymakers to streamline follow-on actions and drive interagency coordination
- Mapped stakeholders and assessed risk in the African critical minerals sector, producing a spreadsheet of key actors with analysis of regional stakes, activities, and investment opportunities to inform U.S. economic policy development

Global Women in Leadership, Johns Hopkins SAIS, Washington, DC

President, May 2024-April 2025; Conference Chair, September 2023-May 2024

SAIS student organization focused on empowering and uplifting women leaders in international affairs

- Led executive board and managed \$12,000 budget to execute 10+ events annually; designed and moderated professional development programming with senior women leaders in diplomacy, defense, and business

Intelligence and National Security Alliance (INSA), Washington, D.C.

Policy Intern, May 2024-December 2024

Membership organization advancing public-private partnerships on intelligence and national security priorities

- Authored briefing questions for senior U.S. intelligence officials, including leaders from the State Department, Pentagon, NSA, and CIA, to prepare them for public-facing engagements
- Spearheaded logistics for INSA's biweekly virtual events with 400+ attendees, coordinating scheduling, speaker engagement, and operational details, contributing to consistent 100% satisfaction ratings
- Produced content for INSA's website and social media, including event marketing materials and post-event summaries, ensuring timely and polished publication

Office of Congressman Jim Himes, Washington, D.C.

Congressional Intern, January 2024-May 2024

- Conducted in-depth research and advised vote recommendations for bills and resolutions, advancing the Congressman's foreign affairs, intelligence, and national security priorities
- Synthesized background research into briefings for Congressman Himes' meetings with foreign dignitaries and interest groups
- Crafted responses to constituent inquiries, translating policy issues into accessible language while maintaining the Congressman's voice and priorities

PEN America, Artists at Risk Connection (ARC), New York, NY

Program Coordinator, May 2021-June 2023

Nonprofit defending free expression and human rights worldwide

- Served as lead writer and editor for ARC's communications and editorial output, drafting 30+ public-facing materials (op-eds, press releases, speeches) and providing final review for clarity, accuracy, and impact
- Developed grant reports and proposals that communicated ARC's impact and alignment with donor priorities, securing over \$4 million in project funding
- Managed high-stakes casework for persecuted artists across Latin America, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia, conducting needs assessments and coordinating with global partners to secure over \$200,000 in emergency support
- Produced and wrote [*Art is Power: 20 Artists on How They Fight for Justice and Inspire Change*](#), a 100+ page research report, managing the full project lifecycle including research, writing, stakeholder coordination, and publication timelines

Clayman & Rosenberg LLP, New York, NY

Paralegal, July 2020-May 2021

Boutique criminal defense firm specializing in criminal and regulatory matters in U.S. and international courts

- Managed 20+ high-profile and confidential case assignments for 12 attorneys
- Attended client meetings and prepared detailed summaries to guide case strategy
- Analyzed and organized large volumes of data, maintaining comprehensive and accurate case records

Additional Experience

Columbia Daily Spectator, New York, NY

Senior Staff Writer, February 2018-May 2020

- Wrote 30+ breaking news and feature stories for Columbia's student-run daily newspaper, focusing on underreported campus and community issues

Barnard College Political Science Department, New York, NY

Research Assistant, January 2020-May 2020

- Researched, fact checked, and proofed the final copy of "The Frontlines of Peace: An Insider's Guide to Changing the World" by Professor Severine Autesserre (Oxford University Press, 2021)

Kivvit, New York, NY

Public Affairs Trainee, June 2019-August 2019

National communications and public affairs firm

- Drove strategic communications campaigns by conducting legislative research, drafting client memos and op-eds, and contributing to successful new business pitches in the healthcare and entertainment sectors

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), New York, NY

Communications Intern, June 2017-August 2017

- Published blog and social media content on reproductive rights, becoming only intern to obtain byline on ACLU website; supported senior communications staff including the President and Chief Communications Officer

Additional Information

- **Languages:** Advanced proficiency in French and Spanish (B2/C1 level)
- **Writing:** Op-eds, policy memos, speeches, press releases, social media content, research reports
- **Skills:** Microsoft Office, Google Workspace, Zoom, Slack, Mailchimp, Asana
- **Interests:** Passionate about travel (50+ countries), martial arts, and fostering rescue cats