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EDUCATION

Washington & Lee University

Lexington, VA

Bachelor of Arts, Economics, with focus on international Economics, MESA & Data Science minors

Expected Graduation 05/2025

- GPA 3.77; President's list for 2021\2022 Academic year, Washington-Term Program Intern
- Awards: International Student Grant – Full Scholarship, and awarded \$15,000 to attend conferences, etc.
- Relevant Courses: Economics of war & peace, development economics, UN sustainability goals, & Middle East politics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Carter Center

Atlanta, GA

Part-time Consultant for Israel/Palestine Team

08/2024 – Present

- Conducted in-depth research, developed briefings, and research papers as needed to help prepare for upcoming workshops.
- Interview key influencers and Palestinians as needed to inform briefing papers, analysis, etc.
- Trend Analysis: Analyze new trends, as requested, and news to prepare briefings that serve to expand the team's understanding of the situation on the ground. This will ensure that the team considers new developments in future workshops and meetings.
- Helped identify stakeholders to share findings of workshops and talks and promote outcomes, including local stakeholders in Palestine, particularly in Gaza.
- Worked with Carter Center's field office in Palestine to develop concept notes and project proposals, and support in preparing delegations to the United States.

The Carter Center

Atlanta, GA

Israel/Palestine Conflict Resolution Intern

06/2024 – 08/2024

- Conducted research on various aspects of the Israel-Palestine conflict, specifically to help achieve the Center's Strategy to influence the political process and end the violence.
- Prepared briefings that serve to expand the team's understanding of the situation on the ground in Palestine
- Led the Gaza's destruction report, which had exclusive information and was only for limited-distribution, and interviewed different agencies like UN, ANERA, Palestinian Authority, and other Think Tanks experts.
- Worked with Carter Center's field office in Palestine to develop concept notes and project proposals.
- Attended the Israel/Palestine and the Conflict Resolution teams meetings.

The Jerusalem Fund

Lexington, VA & Washington D.C.

Spring Intern at the Palestine Center

01/2024 – 06/2024

- Led advocacy initiatives in the U.S. Congress and State Department and briefed Congressional members on the situation in Gaza & Palestine.
- Appointed to lead the humanitarian updates in the CeasefireNowCall, a collation of 60 organizations and nonprofits.
- Conducted Research on Gaza's humanitarian situation and destruction.
- Supported events and organizational planning

Washington & Lee University

Lexington, VA

Research Scholar for Prof. Art Goldsmith

06/2023 – 12/2023

- Performed research on topics related to inflation, labor economics, and international macroeconomics.
- Assisted the professor in Writing "The Great realization" research paper regarding inflation and labor

Washington & Lee University Sustainability Office

Lexington, VA

Intern

08/2022 – 05/2024

- Developed practical resources to guide responsible sustainable purchasing on campus at the staff and student level
- Researched the ESG investing mandates of student investment organizations at other schools in order to inform and supported the organizations at W&L that invest a portion of the University's endowment
- Assist the office with any events on campus, in addition to attending the university's sustainability committee

Washington & Lee University

Lexington, VA

Research Scholar for Prof. Seth Cantey

06/2022 – 08/2022

- Performed research and investigation on research projects related to Bitcoin and international relations
- Assisted the professor in creating a full syllabus for a BTC and international relations course

Washington & Lee University

Lexington, VA

Phonathon Caller

09/2021 - 04/2022

- Responsible to call previous alumni to encourage them to donate to the university's annual fund
- Fundraised with the higher number of donations, although being the only first-year student or international student

LEADERSHIP AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Student Association for International Learning at W&L

Lexington, VA

President

02/2023 – 01/2024

- Overseeing the different teams' tasks on the team, and supervising events that celebrate cultures from around the world
- Elected by the members of the team, previously served as a treasurer

Amnesty International chapter at W&L

Lexington, VA

Vice President

04/2022 – 04/2023

- Co-organized several events to promote human rights on campus.

- Spread awareness on human right violations happening around the world
- General financial oversight.

Washington & Lee University

International Students' Mentor and Orientation Leader

Lexington, VA
06/2022 – present

- Mentored International students on successful strategies for integrating into college life.
- Planned and led activities and events to promote bonding

PUBLICATIONS

Novell Gaza III,	11/2019
<i>a competition held every few years, Palestinians compete to publish stories in a book. Profits go to youth empowerment in Gaza.</i>	
Examining The Debate Around Bitcoin's Role in Palestine, BTC Magazine	09/2022
A Palestinian response to Tom Friedman, Mondoweiss	07/2023
A seed of hope in the midst of war, The Ring-tum Phi university newspaper	01/2024
If Gaza is gone there will be no Palestine, Middle East Eye	03/2024
Israel has destroyed Gaza's heritage sites, but it cannot erase my memories of them, Middle East Eye	06/2024
Rebuild Gaza today or else Israel will erase Palestine tomorrow, The NewArab	07/2024

SKILLS

Microsoft Office, proposal-writing. Interests: Middle East Economics & Politics, International Development, Soccer, & sustainability

LANGUAGES

Arabic: Native, English: Fluent, Russian: Limited work proficiency