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Education

University of St Andrews | St Andrews, Scotland

MLitt in Moral, Political, and Legal Philosophy (September 2019-August 2020)

- GPA: 17.2/20.0
- Philosophy coursework in: aesthetics; global justice; law; Williams

George Washington University | Washington, D.C.

BA in International Affairs and Philosophy (Class of 2019)

- GPA: 3.91/4.00
- International affairs coursework in: armaments; conflict resolution; cyber and security; diplomacy; gender; international micro/macroeconomics; religion
- Philosophy coursework in: ethics; global justice; human rights; law; nonviolence; Parfit; Schopenhauer

Honors and Awards

Distinction in Philosophy

Awarded by the University of St Andrews Department of Philosophy

- Awarded by Senior Lecturer Theron Pummer for my dissertation, "Against Population Talk."

Gauss Prize for Excellence in Philosophy

Awarded by the George Washington University Department of Philosophy

- Offered to an undergraduate who has impressed the GW Department of Philosophy with their commitment to and understanding of the discipline of philosophy.

Honors in Philosophy

Awarded by the George Washington University Department of Philosophy

- Awarded by Professor David DeGrazia for my senior thesis, "Does the Repugnant Conclusion compel us to abandon the Total View?"

Work

Department of Bioethics, National Institutes of Health | Bethesda, MD

Pre-doctoral Fellow (September 2020-present | 40 hours/week)

- Researching the relationship between population ethics, reproductive healthcare, and priority-setting.

The Elliott School of International Affairs | Washington, D.C.

Teaching Assistant and Peer Mentor (August 2018-May 2019 | 4 hours/week)

- Facilitated and led workshops on professional development, ethics, and international affairs; helped teach the Elliott School's inaugural First-Year Experience course.

ConsenSys | Washington, D.C.

Researcher and Ethicist (January-August 2018 | 20-40 hours/week)

- Lead researcher on the D.C. Lab's public finance project; used blockchain technology to improve access to and efficiency within the municipal bond market.
- Wrote two articles for ConsenSys Media on the misleading promise of "Blockchain Democracy" in Moscow and the moral dilemma posed by the presence of death pools on Augur, a decentralized prediction market protocol.
- Successfully advocated for the Solutions team to adopt a more ethical and risk-conscious business selection framework.

Lockheed Martin Corporation | Bethesda, MD

International Ethics Intern (Summer 2017 | 40 hours/week)

- Investigated the integration status of ~200 legal entities into LMC's ethics program.
- Analyzed, edited, and modified the workflows of LMC's Gift Decision Tree.

Hudson Institute | Washington, D.C.

Non-resident Research Intern, Center for Political-Military Analysis (Summer 2016 | 20 hours/week)

- Researched and analyzed Russian hybrid warfare, focusing on media and information manipulation.

Volunteer Organizing

No Tech For Tyrants | St Andrews, Scotland

Organizer (Fall 2019-Spring 2020 | 6 hours/week)

- Wrote op-eds, submitted FOI requests, hosted webinars, moderated panels, led teach-ins, created reading guides, and met with administrators in the service of working to sever the links between higher education institutions and technology companies that enable violence, particularly against migrant communities.

Open Hillel | Remote

Board Member (Summer 2019- | 2 hours/week)

- Elected to Open Hillel's Board of Directors over the summer of 2019 to serve a three-year term.
- Liaise with the student-run Steering Committee to coordinate Open Hillel's national campaigns.

Jewish Voice for Peace at GW | Washington, D.C.

Co-founder and Organizing Committee Chair (Fall 2017-Spring 2019 | 5 hours/week)

- Created a radically inclusive Jewish student organization centered around justice and liberation.
- Opened an interfaith prayer and meditation space in GW's multicultural student services center.

Extracurricular

The George Washington Parliamentary Debate Society | Washington, D.C.

Debater (Fall 2015-Fall 2017 | 5 hours/week)

- Competed for two years on the American Parliamentary Debate Association circuit.
- Highlights include: winning third place at the University of Chicago tournament and fifteenth at the Harvard Debating Championships.