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## EDUCATION

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**Columbia University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences**, New York, NY      Sept 2024 - May 2025  
MA, Political Science: Political Theory, American Politics  
GSAS Social Sciences Senator, Columbia University Senate

**New York University, College of Arts and Sciences**, New York, NY      Sept 2020 - Sept 2023  
BA, Major: Political Science, Minors: Law and Society, Anthropology

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Political theory, Political Behavior, Justice and Liberty, Sovereignty and State Power, Liberalism and Civil Liberties, Methods

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- “Collateral Damage: The Unseen Effects of Politically Driven Trade Disputes on Non-Swing-State Industries,” MA thesis, Columbia University (In progress)  
Advisor: Nikhar Gaikwad
- “‘Democratizing’ Role of U.S. Military Interventions,” New York University  
Advisor: Alaistar Smith
- “Significance of Oral History in Fascist Italy,” New York University
- “Redefining Crime and Community: A Critical Examination of Social Disorganization Theory and Delinquent Behavior,” Honors research, Las Positas College  
Advisor: Michael McQuiston
- “Beyond Binary Justice: Navigating Modern Law and Traditional Culture in the Rights of Pakistan's Transgender Community,” Honors research, Las Positas College  
Advisor: Lucas Hasten

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Teaching Assistant for Intro to American Politics, Columbia University**, New York, NY      Sept 2024 – Present

- Leading two weekly 50-minute discussion sections, driving in-depth analysis of readings and arguments to engage students in key debates and highlighting critical disciplinary perspectives.
- Evaluating student performance through grading assignments and exams, offering targeted feedback to foster academic growth and understanding, and holding bi-weekly office hours to offer academic support and address student inquiries.

**Teaching Assistant for Forensic Anthropology, Las Positas College**, Livermore, CA      Jan 2020 - March 2020

- Employed hands-on teaching methods to facilitate students’ grasp of human bone anatomy, instructed them in identifying bone injuries, and guided their ability to discern both natural and unnatural causes of death through precise bone examination.
- Actively immersed students in the complex landscapes of crime and punishment within conflict-ridden regions, scrutinized the inherent flaws within the criminal justice system, and fostered critical analysis of these challenges.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- Consultant, Centre for Research in Economics and Business, Lahore, Pakistan** May 2024 – Aug 2024
- Preparing concise, visually engaging policy briefs and summaries of academic economic papers, delivering refined documents monthly to assist the faculty at LSE with research dissemination.
  - Developing and executing a podcast series that focuses on economic themes, featuring expert economists as guests. Responsibilities include crafting templates for guest interviews, moderating discussions, and coordinating schedules with guests.
- Paralegal, The Law Offices of Frank Bruno Jr, Queens, NY** Oct 2023 – Dec 2023
- Collaborated with attorneys to support clients in real estate, family law, guardianship law, elder law, and family law, assisted in court appearances, and assisted in the preparation of estate planning documents.
  - Proficiently drafted and electronically filed a wide range of court petitions, motions, and associated documents for diverse cases.
- Research Assistant, NYU School of Global Public Health, New York, NY** Aug 2022 – Aug 2023
- Monitored participants for research concentrating on women's dietary patterns during pregnancy and potential correlations with pregnancy outcomes, notably concerning blood glucose levels and occurrence of gestational diabetes mellitus.
  - Managed delivery and retrieval of study devices, offered essential guidance to participants to guarantee accurate data recording, and extracted and processed statistical dietary data and files for approximately 200 participants.
- Program Assistant for NYU Summer Publishing Institute SPS, New York, NY** May 2023-June 2023
- Assisted with a 4-week, in-person intensive program with over 150 high-level speakers from the book, magazine, and digital publishing industries.
  - Efficiently handled general office duties including data entry, list and survey creation, attendance tracking, and presentation management, and providing support to students and faculty; demonstrating ability to work under pressure, meet tight deadlines, and adapt to a fast-paced environment.
- Staff Writer, International Relations Insider, New York, NY** Feb 2022 - May 2023
- Created weekly news articles delivering comprehensive coverage and analysis of economic, political, humanitarian, and foreign relations issues in North America and South Asia for publication.
  - Diligently fact-checked all information before publication to ensure accurate information.
- Assistant, Office of Doctoral Studies, NYU School of Global Public Health, New York, NY** Feb 2023 - May 2023
- Assisted with the execution of doctoral professional development events and keeping organization of office records, inventory, financial, and evaluation forms.
  - Developed qualitative and quantitative mechanisms to collect student feedback on community and programmatic offerings and generating marketing and outreach materials for PhD professional and social events.
- Research Intern, National Commission for Human Rights, Islamabad, Pakistan** July 2022 - Aug 2022
- Collaborated with a research consultant, investing 30 hours per week to investigate and produce comprehensive reports and analytics on bonded labor, child sexual abuse material, challenges faced by women journalists, and malpractice in mental health.
  - Drove impactful UN collaborations, created presentations for general and donor meetings, and managed social media campaigns.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

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- Stanford University Research Conference – Presenter April 2022  
“‘Democratizing’ Role of US Military Interventions”
- John Hopkins Richard Macksey National Undergraduate Humanities Research Symposium – Presenter April 2022  
“‘Democratizing’ Role of US Military Interventions”

- NYU Italian Studies Undergraduate Research Conference – Presenter  
“Significance of Oral History in Fascist Italy” April 2022
- NYU Undergraduate Research Conference – Presenter  
“‘Democratizing’ Role of US Military Interventions” May 2022
- Administration of Justice Honors Research – Las Positas College  
“Redefining Crime and Community: A Critical Examination of Social  
Disorganization Theory and Delinquent Behavior” May 2020

## **ON-CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT**

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**New York University:** Politics Society, Amnesty International NYU (Chair 2022), Pre-Law Mentorship (Mentor), Stern Business and Law Association, UNICEF NYU, International Relations Society, Undergraduate Law Society, External Transfer Advisory Board, Anthropology Undergraduate Student Association

**Columbia University:** Columbia University Senate GSAS Social Sciences Senator, United Nations Association, Partnership for International Development, International Relations Forum, Political Science Students Association, Amnesty International, UNICEF, Red Cross, Students for Human Rights