

LAURA JOSEPHINE MCNEIL

EDUCATION

Columbia University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) Department of Political Science MA in Political Science	New York (USA) Sept 2023 – May 2024
London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), Department of International History and Department of International Relations MSc in Theory and History of International Relations	London (UK) Sept 2022 – Sept 2023
London School of Economics and Political Science, Summer School Session 1 course: “America as a Global Power: from FDR to Biden” (Awarded grade: A-)	London (UK) June 2022 – July 2022
University of Pisa, Political Science Department <i>Laurea Triennale in Political Science and International Relations</i> Bachelor’s degree equivalent (Awarded with <i>110/110 cum laude</i>)	Pisa (Italy) Sept 2018 – Feb 2022
University of Pisa, Mathematics Department <i>Laurea Triennale in Mathematics</i> (Attended for two years)	Pisa (Italy) Sept 2016 – Aug 2018
Liceo Scientifico Galileo Galilei High School <i>Diploma</i> (Awarded with 87/100)	Perugia (Italy) Sept 2011 – July 2016
Lakeside High School Attended every august from freshman through senior year	Atlanta, GA (USA) Aug 2011 – Aug 2014

EXPERIENCE

Intern at the U.S. Consulate General in Florence Sponsored by the Political Science Department of the University of Pisa <ul style="list-style-type: none">Daily review of the local press and covid situation in central Italy;Helped with numerous research projects of the Cultural and Political/Economic sections of the Consulate;Translated various articles and letters for the Consul General.	Florence (Italy) Mar – May 2021
Attended a Training Course in “Writing a good project” Organized by Soroptimist International Club Perugia and THINKING EUROPE 2.0 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Learned planning, programming, and designing techniques;Thought by Dr. Maria Ragano Caracciolo - consultant and European project manager.	Perugia (Italy) May 2021
Change the World Model United Nations - CWMUN Sponsored by Associazione Diplomatici <ul style="list-style-type: none">Represented the country of Guinea in the International Atomic Energy Agency;Wrote position papers and participated in model conferences;In depth analysis on: “The Nuclear Station in DPRK”, “The Safeguard Applications in Iran”, and “Nuclear Applications in Responding to Viruses and Confining Pests”.	New York, NY (USA) Mar 2018
21st congress of Soroptimist International Europe	Florence (Italy)

Personally sponsored by Soroptimist International Club Perugia	July 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participated in discussions about Women in STEM; ▪ Attended discussions surrounding the subject of female leadership. 	
7th European Congress of Mathematics	Berlin (Germany)
Attended as an incoming university student of Mathematics.	July 2016
International High School Model United Nations - IMUN	New York, NY (USA)
Sponsored by Consules	Mar 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Represented the country of Samoa in the Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural Committee; ▪ Wrote position papers and participated in model conferences; ▪ In depth analysis on: "The Human Rights of Prisoners" and "The Socio-cultural Influences on Women's Health in the Developing World". 	
International High School Model United Nations - IMUN	Rome (Italy)
Sponsored by Consules and Luiss University	Feb 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Represented the country of Eritrea in the Disarmament and International Security Committee; ▪ Wrote position papers and participated in model conferences; ▪ In depth analysis on: "Transnational Border Security in Africa" and "The Future of Space Security". 	

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

➤ LSESU "campaign group of the year"	2023
➤ Medal from the University of Pisa for graduating <i>cum laude</i>	2022
➤ TOEFL score 111/120 reading: 27/30 listening 27/30 speaking: 29/30 writing 28/30	2022
➤ Certificate of Appreciation Awarded by the United States Department of State	2021
➤ Delegates Award at CWMUN	2018
➤ Honorable Mention at CWMUN	2018
➤ Best Delegate at IMUN in Rome	2015
➤ Regional Finalist for Bocconi University's mathematics games	2009

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

➤ Directed two music videos for singer/songwriter Malick	2023
➤ Student organizer for the LSE Rejoin Stonewall campaign group	2023
➤ Screenwriter and Director of three short films for Nostalghia Prod.	2017-2020
➤ Actress for the Teatro Del Ghigno's theater company	2016-2017
➤ Violin lessons at Eloise Hellyer's private violin school	2006-2016
➤ Basketball Coach for Olympic gold medalist Debbie Miller-Palmore's summer camp	2014
➤ Improv stage at the Woodruff Arts Center in Atlanta	2013
➤ Head of Liceo Scientifico G. Galilei's student collective, "Nuntius"	2013-2014
➤ Editor of Liceo Scientifico G. Galilei's student newspaper, "Il Saggiatore"	2012-2016
➤ Member of the "Reti degli Studenti Medi" student union	2012-2016
➤ Theatrical stage at the Georgia Shakespeare Conservatory in Atlanta	2011-2014
➤ Hip-hop dance lessons at Centro Studi Danza Umbro	2011-2013

SKILLS

- Italian: native speaker
- English: native speaker (also TOEFL score of 111/120)
- French: B2 level
- Good skills with Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel
- Elementary level with C programming language, and basic HTML
- Strong communication skills, great at adaptability, discretion, and team-work

- Good experience in customer relations and customer service
- Good violin player (9 years)
- Basic screenwriting and filmmaking skills