

KATHERINE OWENS

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EDUCATION

M.A. Political Science

August 2021 – Present

Columbia University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

- Research Interests: International relations, arms control, nuclear strategy, IR theory

B.A. International Affairs, *summa cum laude*

January 2018

The George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs

- Concentration: Security Policy; Minor: Economics; GPA: 3.9
- Senior Thesis: *Why Russia Deployed the SS-20 and SSC-8 Nuclear Missiles: The Possible Motives for Russia's Deployment of Intermediate-range Nuclear Missiles in 1976 and 2016*

Other Coursework

- Basic Nuclear and Atomic Physics; Introduction to Nuclear Safeguards and Security, Texas A&M University, Center for Nuclear Security Science & Policy Initiatives, Fall 2020–Present
- Beginner and Intermediate French, Rocket Languages, Fall 2019–Present

AWARDS & PUBLICATIONS

Awards & Honors

- Phi Beta Kappa Society May 2017 – Present
- The University Honors Program, *The George Washington University* August 2015 – January 2018
- Presidential Academic Scholarship, *The George Washington University* August 2014

Publications

- Owens, Katherine. “New thermal night vision goggles penetrate dark, smoky battlefields”; “Marine Corps Leaders announce new forward deployable cyber force”; “Bio implants could relieve stress and restore sight, speech for combat warriors.” *Defense Systems*. 1105 Media. 2017-2018. <https://defensesystems.com/Home.aspx>.
- Owens, Katherine. “Iran Nuclear Deal: Correcting Misconceptions.” Center for Arms Control and Nonproliferation. October 19, 2016. <https://armscontrolcenter.org/iran-nuclear-deal-correcting-misconceptions>.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Center for Arms Control and Nonproliferation, Washington, DC

September – December 2016

Research Intern

- Authored factual pieces on the national defense budget for the Center's website to be resources for nonproliferation research.
- Researched North Korean missile launches and collaborated on a report detailing the timeline of North Korea's missile development in response to the September 9th 2016 missile test.

National Security Archive, Washington, DC

Colombia Project Research Intern, Cuba Documentation Project Research Intern

June – August 2016

Project lead: Michael Evans

- Wrote Freedom of Information Act requests to search for evidence of illegal deals between Chiquita Co. and Colombian paramilitary groups to compile a case for legal action by local citizens who suffered under paramilitary control.
- Examined census documents, memoranda, and financial records in both English and Spanish within Colombian nonprofit organization databases and the digital archives of the Colombian government for evidence of falsification and corruption.

Cuba Documentation Project Research Intern

January – May 2015

Project lead: Peter Kornbluh

- Evaluated and organized declassified documents used as evidence of Cuban-American interactions in Peter Kornbluh's co-authored book, *Back Channel to Cuba*.
- Compiled documents for the commemoration of the 1976 assassination of Chilean opposition leader Orlando Letelier that was posted on the Archive website.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Government CIO, Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), Washington, DC

May 2019 – August 2021

Team Lead, Senior Analyst

- Manage contractor team creation of information packages for the VA to provide to congress and government oversight agencies, providing guidance and working with VA supervisors to overcome any obstacles.
- Collaborate with IT experts to create detailed portfolios on federal memoranda, policy directives, data calls, and congressional hearing responses to ensure that the Development, Security and Operations Deputy Assistant Secretary reviews and approves all materials disseminated outside of the Office of Information Technology.

Spiros Consulting, Washington, DC
Researcher, Intern Coordinator

February 2018 – May 2019

- Analyzed sources including released government documents, financial records, and investigation reports to write extensive research reports on the candidates' key policy stances, electorates, and vulnerabilities.

Defense Systems and Connected Warrior, 1105 Media Inc., Vienna, VA
Reporter

February 2017– February 2018

- Wrote weekly articles for *Defense Systems*, an online publication designed for military personnel, defense industry executives, and federal office-holders.

Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Washington, DC
Staff Intern

September– December 2015

- Wrote content summaries of declassified Cold War era documents and recorded them using the CMS data-entry program for the completion of the Russia-Warsaw Pact Relations database.
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