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Education

Columbia University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York City, New York

Master of Arts in Political Science, Specialization in Comparative Politics

University of Calgary, Calgary, AB

Bachelor of Arts, Double Major in Political Science and Law & Society

Co-operative Education Designation | Distinction

Jason Lang Scholarship (2x), Eric Lahoda Scholarship, Alyson Woloshyn Legacy Award, IDEA Award, Senator Stan Waters Memorial Scholarship, Co-op Student of the Year (2x), Kinsmen's Club of Calgary 2023 Scholarship, Louise McKinney Scholarship, Outstanding Achievement Award for Law and Society

GPA: 3.9/4.0

Certifications:

- Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans Course on Research Ethics (TCPS 2: CORE) – Issued by Government of Canada
- Introduction to Gender Based Analysis Plus – Issued by Government of Canada
- Leading Through Policy Change Micro-credential – Issued by The Dais at Toronto Metropolitan University

Work Experience

Research Assistant (Co-op)

May 2022 – August 2022

Burns Memorial Fund

- Analyzed quantitative and qualitative data, collected through interviews and surveys
- Created 10 formal reports for review by both external funders and internal staff
- Assisted in initiatives to move forward the goals in the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion strategy

Community and Government Relations Co-op Student

January 2022 – April 2022

TC Energy

- Researched and authored government briefing notes and reports
- Monitored and tracked the evolving public policy discussions as well as current and emerging legislations and regulations related to energy
- Supported the coordination, development, and dissemination of large-scale thought leadership projects (including three term projects)

Public Strategy and Communications Intern

September 2021 – December 2021

Navigator Ltd.

- Interacted with high-profile clients to address public strategy and government relations
- Drafted proposals and client-facing briefing notes to operationalize data

- Developed and released various communications materials for events and campaigns
- Lead and responded to research project inquiries and survey questions from interested stakeholders

Lead Assistant Instructor

September 2016 – November 2020

KUMON North America

- In charge of administrative tasks and increasing clientele
- Individually oversaw 20 children aged 1-4 and taught them foundational reading and math skills
- Handled financial details for client registration and preparing academic plans for students
- Worked independently in a fast-paced environment

Professional Experience

Board Director

October 2023 – June 2024

Alexandra Centre Society

- Attended all board and committee meetings and functions such as special events.
- Reviewed agenda and supporting materials prior to board and committee meetings
- Be informed about the organization's mission, services, policies, and programs
- Kept tabs on the organization's industry including competitors
- Monitored organization's assets and carry out fiduciary duty

UofMosaic Fellow

July 2023 – June 2024

Mosaic Institute

- Selected to pursue various personal and professional development opportunities to activate leadership and change-making potential
- Organizing a Campus Dialogue centered on dismantling prejudice within the university community, fostering open conversations and promoting inclusivity
- Authoring a comprehensive publication focusing on a specific form of prejudice impacting Canada

Young Director

May 2023 – May 2024

Fora: Network for Change

- Actively participating in the Rise on Boards program, which culminates in securing a position as a voting director on a prominent board
- Benefit from specialized training led by expert facilitators, leading to comprehensive knowledge in governance, financials, fundraising, communications, problem-solving, and leadership, all tailored to excel in board role

Girls Belong Here Youth Ambassador

August 2023 – April 2024

Plan International Canada

- Received training to support advancement of gender equality
- Participated in a Seat-Share Experience with Rhona DeFrari and Susan Anderson at Cenovus Energy

BYE Fellow

June 2023 – September 2023

United Nations Association in Canada

- Engaging in the transformative BYE (Building Young Entrepreneurs) 2023 - Green Jobs of the Future program, gaining vital SDG skills, professional connections, and practical exposure essential for thriving in the emerging green job sector
- Actively participating in diverse learning modules encompassing entrepreneurship mindsets, digital engagement, and climate policy
- Matched with CGI Vice-President Consulting for mentorship

SDG Ambassador

August 2022 – March 2023

United Nations Association in Canada

- Selected to represent Alberta region
- Worked in collaboration with UNAC to create youth-led service initiatives in relation to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
- Created a project to build community libraries to build cultural literacy in local ethnic-majority communities
- Travelled to Montreal for COP15

Model Senator

March 2023

Senate of Canada

- Participated in Model Senate and debated on important legislation related to the mandatory parliamentary review of the Cannabis Act
- Provided recommendations to the federal Ministry of Health

Campus and Community Involvement

Teaching Excellence Awards Committee Member

October 2023 – April 2024

University of Calgary

- Inform students about the opportunity to recognize outstanding teachers
- Assist in selecting winners
- Participate in award distribution at the TEA Gala in April.

Arts Co-op Program Mentor

January 2023 – December 2023

University of Calgary

- Mentor a fellow Arts Co-op Program participant and advise on integrated learning questions
- Delivered a speech in front of 600+ incoming Arts students this Fall 2023 semester on my experience with co-op

University Appeal Tribunal Student Representative

June 2022 – June 2023

Students' Union – University of Calgary

- Participated as a member of the tribunal, engaging in final appeal trials concerning both academic and non-academic misconduct cases.
- Thoroughly reviewed and analyzed case materials presented by appellants and respondents and evaluated sanctions

Co-President

May 2021 – May 2022

Indian Students' Association – University of Calgary

- Led an organization serving as a cherished haven for international students and a cultural celebration hub for domestic peers at the University of Calgary

- Spearheaded initiatives with my team, focusing on South Asian social justice issues and orchestrated planning for significant events like Diwali and Charity Ball, drawing over 900 students
- Successfully raised and donated nearly \$12,000 to varied charitable causes, showcasing adept event coordination and community-focused leadership

Political Science Department Representative

September 2021 – April 2022

Faculty of Arts Students' Association – University of Calgary

- Represented the Political Science student body and acted as a liaison between students and faculty
- Advocated for students' needs and held events to increase student awareness (an event to enlighten students on post-grad options in public affairs in collaboration with my colleagues at the time at Navigator Ltd.)

Youth Advisory Council Member

December 2021 – July 2022

House of Commons Canada

- Participated as a member of a non-partisan youth council
- Provided recommendations for student needs related to tuition hikes, food insecurity, and pandemic uncertainty

Court Volunteer

January 2021 – May 2022

Elizabeth Fry Society of Calgary

- Collaborated within the courthouse and legal system to provide essential assistance to clients, aiding them in navigating complex legal processes and accessing necessary resources
- Received comprehensive training in peer support, criminalization of women, criminal justice procedures, and Indigenous rights

Vice President, Events

May 2020 – May 2021

Indian Students' Association – University of Calgary

- Planned the association's events from start to finish (first time doing online events due to pandemic)
- Assisted in preparing and managing budgets; sourced and negotiated with vendors to deliver food to participants to increase engagement
- Prepared reports on the events' successes and coordinated promotion/marketing materials

Delegate

September 2019 – February 2020

University of Calgary

- Selected out of many first-year applicants to attend Global Citizenship Program in Toronto
- Learned about allyship, Indigenous pedagogies, and prejudice
- Volunteered with The 519, Native and Child Family Services of Toronto, and local homeless shelters

Volunteer Representative

July 2016 – November 2019

AgeCare

- Worked with the senior residents at the facility to assist them and engage them in recreational activities
- Hosted various resident outings, assisted with event planning, held baking events, and helped with the overall facilitation of recreational activities for two locations