

# ALESSANDRA M. TUFÍÑO

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## EDUCATION

**Columbia University**, New York, NY

*Master of Arts in Political Science*, Expected May 2026

**The University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL

*Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Gender and Sexuality Studies*, June 2023

Honors: Cum Laude, Honors Thesis, Major-Specific Honors, Dean's List 2022-2023

GPA: 3.87/4.00

*Study Abroad*: Studied intensive Italian Language at the Scuola Leonardo Da Vinci in Milan, Summer 2021;  
Semester Abroad and Direct Enrollment at the Università di Bologna, Autumn 2021

## RELEVANT ACADEMIC WORKS

### **Different Cause Same Effect: The Ultimate Failure of the Pronatalist/Anti-Abortion Policies in Ceausescu's Romania and Mussolini's Italy, 2023**

- Bachelor's thesis written for both the political science major and the gender and sexuality studies major, advised by Professor Monika Nalepa
- Researched the pronatalist/anti-abortion policies in Italy under Mussolini and Romania under Ceausescu and analyzed them through a comparative approach
- Conducted research in both English and Italian, using books, propaganda images, and population demographic data
- Examined how and why these policies ultimately failed in accomplishing what they sought out to do

### **How Framings Around Sexual Violence in the International Context Fall Short, 2023**

- Critical review essay written for the course titled *Women, Peace, and Security*, taught by Professor Maliha Chishti
- Researched how conflict-related sexual violence is discussed in academic texts that were read in the course
- Analyzed these academic texts and discussed how their framings of conflict-related sexual violence fall short
- Examined the root causes of conflict-related sexual violence, responding to how these framings do not examine all aspects of this issue

### **The Politicization of Women's Fashion Under Atatürk and Reza Shah, 2021**

- Podcast episode recorded for the course titled *Women's Movements in the Modern Middle East*, taught by Professor Kara Peruccio
- Researched women's fashion in Turkey under Atatürk and Iran under Reza Shah, and how this was connected to the policies of both regimes
- Wrote a script based on these findings and recorded a podcast episode to convey this information in a conversational manner

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Fields:** International Relations, Comparative Politics

**Subjects:** Conflict-related sexual violence, terrorism, political violence, gender violence committed by terrorist groups, women's roles in war and armed conflict, the Women, Peace, and Security agenda, gender politics

## RELATED COURSES

- **Women, Peace, and Security**, Spring 2023
- **From the Harem to Helem: Gender and Sexuality in the Modern Middle East**, Winter 2023

- **Prostitution in the Global Perspective**, Autumn 2022
- **Theories of Sexuality and Gender**, Autumn 2022
- **Practice of Social Science Research**, Spring 2022
- **War and the Nation State**, Winter 2022
- **Literature and/of/Against Fascism**, Winter 2022
- **Politics of Reproduction**, Winter 2022
- **Women's Movements in the Modern Middle East**, Spring 2021
- **Introduction to Comparative Politics**, Spring 2021
- **Introduction to International Relations**, Autumn 2021

## **EXPERIENCE**

**US House of Representatives, Office of Gerald Connolly, Intern**, Washington, DC, August 2023 – December 2023

- Researched proposed legislation and compiled the background information and summary of the proposed bill into a legislation review, which was then shared with relevant staffers
- Accompanied staffers to meetings with constituents, where I listened and took notes
- Attended meetings held by interest groups on issues or proposed legislation of interest to them and took notes that were then shared with the relevant staffer
- Answered a variety of calls from constituents, taking note of their opinions and concerns and then conveying this to the rest of the team
- Filled tour requests from constituents wishing to visit the US Capitol Building, the White House, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and/or the Bureau of Engraving and Printing

**US Attorney's Office, Student Volunteer Intern**, Washington, DC, June 2022 – August 2022

- Researched cases using Courtlink for assigned Assistant US Attorney to provide information relevant to cases dealing with Federal employment discrimination laws or the Federal Tort Claims Act within the civil division
- Assisted in drafting notices, joint status reports, motions, and other documents for my assigned Assistant US Attorney
- Observed various legal procedures, such as depositions and scheduling hearings to learn more about the procedures within the realm of civil law at the federal level

**UChicago Law School, Computer Lab Assistant**, Chicago, IL, January 2020 – April 2020

- Assisted in shutting down classroom computer AV systems at the end of the day
- Notified superiors of any technical issues in the classrooms so they could be resolved in a timely fashion for the lectures held there
- Acted as a resource for students needing assistance with printing in the law library

**Amazon.Com, Inc., Finance Intern**, Seattle, WA, June 2018 – August 2018

- Classified a variety of Amazon.Com products for taxation purposes in conjunction with the tax engine team
- Created subject guides that would aid in determining the classification of products for taxation
- Located errors in the taxonomy system to ensure products were properly sorted so they could be taxed properly upon sale

## **EXTRACURRICULARS**

**Under the Same Sky Charity**, Chicago, IL, October 2022- January 2025

- Charity that supports mental health awareness and advocates for suicide prevention
- Took notes for the meetings and distributed them to the other board members
- Assisted in planning the annual soiree fundraiser for suicide prevention and awareness

**MODA Blog UChicago**, Chicago, IL, March 2020 – June 2023

- Wrote original articles discussing different aspects of fashion and beauty for the University and broader internet community
- Implemented feedback received by editors to improve articles

**Delta Gamma**, Chicago, IL, October 2020 – June 2023

- Helped prepare and coordinate sorority events, such as sisterhood gatherings and philanthropy events
- Provided support for other sisters in the chapter
- Completed quarterly service hours through service events with charities the sorority supports

**Motet Choir**, Chicago, IL, October 2019 – June 2023

- Performed in an undergraduate choir for various school events
- Learned skills in reading music and singing classical pieces in order to better perform the selected pieces

**MODA Fashion Show**, Chicago, IL, Spring 2021; Winter 2023

- Designed original looks for a collection to be displayed at the University's Annual Fashion Show
- Constructed the looks from patterns using a sewing machine based on my models' measurements
- Worked with the models to bring my vision to life on the runway

**SKILLS**

**Computer Applications:** Proficient in Microsoft Applications, iMovie, STATA, R, Courtlink, and SquareSpace

**Research:** Political science, qualitative, quantitative, legislative

**Languages:** Proficient in Spanish and Italian; Elementary in Arabic