*CURRICULUM VITAE*

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EDUCATION

* PhD in International Relations and Politics Present

Florida International University, Miami FL

* Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Religious Studies May 2022

Florida International University, Miami, FL

RELVANT COURSEWORK

International Law, International Protection of Human Rights, Religion & Culture, Feminist Theology & Ethics, Women and Religion, Sociology of Gender, Contemporary Dynamics of International Relations

MOST RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Assistant, Office of Global Learning, FIU August 2022- Present

* Mentor students through Global Learning Program
* Run the social media platforms and student-facing communication

Intern with Global Learning Associates August 2021- August 2022

* Research, review, and organize constructs and data to support expansion of Global Learning among top universities.

Student Academic Mentor with Florida International University Embrace January 2021- July 2021

* Provided academic assistance to students of the Embrace program.
* Acted as the liaison between the professors, students, and Embrace staff.

Lead Fundraising and Advocacy Intern with ICS Vietnam Summer 2021

* Proposed and created advocacy campaigns for VietPride and raised over $100 for Vietnam LGBTQ+ Covid Relief Fund

PRESENTATIONS

* Religion in Society Conference June 2023

Paper: *“The Women’s Burden: Iranian Theocracy and The Case of Mahsa Amini”*(**Winner of Emerging Scholar Award)**

* Humanities Edge Conference March 2022

Paper: *“Is Yoga, as Practiced in Western Monotheistic Cultures, Culturally Appropriating Traditional Indian Cultures?”*

* FIU Undergraduate Research Conference March 2022

Poster Presentation: *“Is Yoga, as Practiced in Western Monotheistic Cultures, Culturally Appropriating Traditional Indian Cultures?”*

* FIU Student Leadership Summit February 2022

Workshop: *“Intention In Action: Creating Your Own Leadership Roadmap”*

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

* Clinton Global Initiatives University Fellowship 2023
* Emerging Scholar Conference Award 2022/2023

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

The Politics & IR Graduate Student Organization FIU, President January 2023- Present

* Served as a student liaison between the graduate students and faculty
* Coordinate and host various lectures, workshops, and study halls
* Provide support and information to incoming cohorts

UN Women FIU, Treasurer & Vice President June 2021- May 2022

* Coordinate educational lectures for FIU students and monitor the organizations spending and budget

Global Learning Student Board, Peer Advisor August 2021- May2022

* Served as a student liaison by assisting Global Learning Medallion students through personalized advising throughout their university career
* Lead, coordinate, and provide support for Global Learning Office events

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

* Yoga Therapist at multiple schools, non-profits, local gyms & studios 2018- 2022
* The American Red Cross 2018 – 2020
* Special Olympics 2014 – 2016

PROFESSIONAL AFFLIATIONS

* The National Honor Society for Scholars of Religious Studies and Theology (Theta Alpha Kappa)
* The National Society of Leadership and Success (Sigma Alpha Pi)
* Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS)

CERTIFICATES

* Undergraduate Certificate in Human Rights and Political Transitions
* 500hr Yoga Teaching and Philosophy Certification
* Trauma informed Discussion and Teaching Certification

LANGUAGES

* English (Native)
* Spanish (Advanced –Verbal, Intermediate Written)
* Sanskrit (Intermediate –Verbal)
* Arabic (Novice)