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EDUCATION

Kings College London, India Institute

London, UK

PhD Candidate in Contemporary India Research

September 2013

- Project tentatively titled “Information and Communication Technology and New Social Movements: Issue-Driven Politics in India”
- Will explore new forms of political activism and engagement as mediated by new forms of communication technology through case studies of the anti-corruption movement in 2011 and mobilization surrounding the Delhi rape case in 2012

The University of Oxford

Oxford, UK

Master of Science in Contemporary India

September 2012-June 2013

- Studied India through an interdisciplinary program focusing on various issues and aspects of modern India
- Modules included Politics, International Relations, Culture and Society, Political Economy, Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods, Environment, and Human Development
- Master’s Dissertation titled “Communal Violence and the Intervention of Information and Communication Technology: A Case Study of the Assam Riots,” studying communal discourse and culturally-mediated technological change
- Class Representative for the MSc course, responsible as acting as a liaison between the course and governing body
- Copy-editor for St. Antony’s International Review

The University of Chicago

Chicago, IL

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

June 2010

- Cumulative GPA: 3.58/4.0; Major 3.9/4.0; Dean’s List 2007-2010
- Honors Thesis on Urban Development in India titled “From Slum Dweller to Mumbaikar: An Examination of the Dharavi Redevelopment Project and Processes of Slum and Slum Dweller Integration”
- Pune, India Study Abroad Program (2008): Studied Hindi, Indian politics, religion, and culture

PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Foreign Policy Council

Washington, DC

- Co-authored article for CNN Global Public Square on India’s relationship with Iran and its effect on US trade sanctions
- Titled “Iran: a test for U.S. – India Relations”

Nepal English Language Teachers Association International Conference (NELTA)

Kathmandu, Nepal

Conference Presenter

February 2011

- Researched the pros and cons of utilizing native language in an ESL classroom through classroom experience and articles; summarized research in PowerPoint presentation
- Selected to present findings to group of twenty Nepali English teachers at NELTA International Conference

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

American Foreign Policy Council

Washington, DC

Research Associate

December 2011-April 2012

- Drafted several research briefs on various topics relating to India and China’s security and political relations
- Created and digitized a 500 article database for use in research for an upcoming monograph on Indo-Sino relations
- Coordinated upload of 1,500 primary documents and 21 chapters for a forthcoming book and website on the Cold War by a former arms control director of the National Security Council
- Aided in design process and formatting of Cold War website using the Drupal program
- Researched potential fundraising opportunities and managed minor finances
- Managed day-to-day operations of six-person office

Fulbright-Nehru Program

New Delhi, India

English Teacher

July 2010-April 2011

- Received highly competitive Fulbright-Nehru Grant to work as an English Teacher in India
- Taught 200 middle and high school students conversational English skills
- Created 30 lesson plans to encourage students to practice spoken English
- Designed program to facilitate exchange of American and Indian cultural traditions
- Introduced use of primary source materials, including music and visual arts to the classroom

University of Chicago

Chicago, IL

Research Assistant for Professor Leela Gandhi

October 2009-May 2010

- Wrote 2 research summaries for references to birth control, Malthusian philosophy, and population control from the complete works of Mohandas Gandhi for research paper
- Researched and created 2 bibliographies referencing Malthusian philosophy from M.K. Gandhi’s contemporaries
- Collected works on anti-colonialism and anti-imperialism in the 19th century for use in an article

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Institute of International Education

Washington, DC

Coordinator, Fulbright Scholar Program

April 2012-September 2012

- Managed daily upload of confidential Fulbright scholar information for Department of State J1 visa generation through the SEVIS system
- Verified confidential visa arrival information and generated J1 visa approval documents for visiting Fulbright scholars
- Liaised with more than 300 universities, colleges, and departments for the purpose of 400 scholar placements and verification
- Created, planned, and uploaded participant data for final survey reports for over 4,000 Fulbright Scholar alumni using the Vovici system

Model United Nations of the University of Chicago

Chicago, IL

Administrative Assistant

October 2009-February 2010

- Created database of 500 alumni's contact information for future giving opportunities
- Managed files for the 200 participating schools and kept track of medical releases and waivers for 2,000 students
- Facilitated running of three-day conference for 2,000 high school students and faculty
- Drafted two press releases for distribution to the local press

SKILLS

- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Acrobat, Vovici survey program, and Drupal website design program
- Proficient in Hindi, beginning Urdu, Spanish, and French