

Curriculum Vitae

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Summary

Award-winning International Studies Honours graduate dedicated to youth advocacy, as demonstrated by extensive volunteer, professional, and research experience. Research interests include migration, the Mexico-U.S. border, and the interplay between youth agency, structural violence, and care giving.

Education

- 2023 Bachelor of Arts Honours (International Studies)
Monash University
- Thesis: Speaking for Whom? Prioritising the voices and choices of young Mexico-U.S. border crossers
- 2022 Bachelor of Global Studies
Specialisation in International Studies
Monash University

Academic Prizes

- 2023 Awarded the Best Honours Thesis in International Studies
- 2023 Awarded the Best Honours Student in International Studies
- 2023 Recipient of the Women's Graduate Victoria Taines scholarship
- 2019 Recipient of the Access Monash Mentor scholarship
- 2017 Awarded the Probus Good Citizenship award for community and school service

Volunteer Experience

2024 **Museum Educator**

Cambodia Landmine Museum, Siem Reap, Cambodia

- Development of museum panels based upon the lived war experiences of museum staff, with information garnered through extensive interviews and conversations.
- Provision of guided tours (Spanish and English) whilst living on site.

2023-2024 **Program Facilitator and Tutor**

Refugee Migrant Children Centre, Sunshine, Australia

- Recreational program delivery in an individualised and trauma-informed manner to refugee and migrant youth deemed at risk by their school.

2022 **Tutor/Social Media Manager**

Friends of Refugees, Springvale, Australia

- Tutor for refugee and migrant youth, alongside furthering a pre-established social media strategy and brand identity.
- Development of a social media ethics policy to ensure the protection of the program beneficiaries, alongside the centring of refugee voices throughout the organisation's online approach.

2019-2021 **Committee member/Social Media Manager**

Change the One not-for-profit, Australia and Vietnam

2019-2020 **Committee Member**

Youth Out Loud not-for-profit, Melbourne, Australia

2019 **Dance/Acrobatics Teacher**

Casa de la Esperanza Boarding School, Poptún, Guatemala

- Organisation and delivery of dance and acrobatics classes to Q'eqchi youth while living on site.
- Close collaboration with a team to assist students facing an array of challenges. These challenges included domestic violence, migration, youth pregnancy, and mental health distress (including the management of suicidal ideation, self-harm, and trauma), as well as the student's challenges with speaking Spanish as a second language.

2018 **Youth Mentor**

Monash Mentorship Program, Clayton, Australia

2015 **Youth Hike Facilitator**

Garganta de la Olla, Spain

Employment

2021- Current **Youth Disability Support Worker**

- Provision of individualised care, including support with daily living tasks and skill development to increase client autonomy and independence.
- Facilitation of clear communication and advocacy with clients, families, healthcare providers, and community organisations.

2015- Current **Nanny**

- Provision of nurturing and attentive care.
- Development of cultural literacy through close engagement with the Orthodox Jewish community.

2015- 2023 **Youth Acrobatics Coach/Social Media Manager**

AcroKids

- Development and implementation of acrobatics programs to suit a range of requirements, including progression towards disability development goals.
- Community engagement through collaboration with other organisations in an online and in person setting.

2021 **Charity Ambassador**

Public Outreach

- Friendly and enthusiastic public fundraising for Save the Children.
- Building genuine relationships with potential donors and fostering a sense of connection and shared purpose.