

Austin M. Wallace

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SUMMARY

International Affairs Specialist with an extensive knowledge of world affairs seeking opportunities in Geopolitical and Multicultural Affairs. Worked simultaneously for the United Nations, International Committee of the Red Cross and the country of San Marino.

Work well under pressure, excel with multitasking, solutions and detail oriented, has a nose for policy, can undertake extensive research, known for exceptional interpersonal and communications abilities in multicultural as well as multilingual environments and dedicated with great initiative to departments, assignments and projects.

Experienced with Voting in the General Assembly, Public Speaking, Diplomatic/Conflict Resolution Sessions, Debating, Publishing Academic Works, Historical/Contemporary Research, Decolonization, Refugee Outreach and Summit Preparation. Certified by Columbia as an Expert in African Politics, History and Culture as well as Working Knowledge of French Language.

EDUCATION

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (2024) *New York, New York*

- Masters of Arts – European History, Politics and Society (*Magna Cum Laude*)
- Ambassador/Graduate Outreach – United Nations Association of America (Columbia University Chapter)
- Member of the GSAS Student Advisory Board

DREW UNIVERSITY (2022) *Madison, New Jersey*

- Bachelors of Arts – International Relations (*Dean's Lists*); Minor – History
- Janet T. Siler Memorial Prize for excellence in Research and Academic accomplishment to a student whose character exemplifies the international spirit of the United Nations
- Additionally: NCAA Division III Swimmer, Debate Club Treasurer, Model United Nations Treasurer

ROLLING HILLS PREPARATORY SCHOOL (2018) *Los Angeles, California*

- High School Diploma (*Cum Laude, National Honor Society*)

Citizens of America Nominee	Co-President – Diversity Club
Model United Nations Special Recognition	Treasurer – Debate Club
Treasurer – Student Council	Captain – Swim Team
Co-Founder – Junior Statesmen of America	Swim Champion (2017-2018) – Coastal League
Co-President – International Club	MVP (2017-2018) – Swim Team

EXPERIENCE

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS *New York, NY/Los Angeles, CA (2023-Present)*

Youth Envoy and Student Representative

- Worked as a student ambassador and representative on the Refugee Outreach program
- Participated on the Restoring Family Links for the ICRC as well as the American Red Cross (New York Branch). Helped refugees and families connect and reconvene after natural disasters and political conflict forced them apart

UNITED NATIONS *New York, NY (2022-2023)*

Political Affairs Assistant/Consultant – Decolonization Unit of the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs

- 2023 United Nations Rookie of the Year Nominee
- Interfaced at many levels of leadership from diplomats to ambassadors to the Secretary-General
- Provided leadership with scheduling data, departmental decisions and received critical data for the department
- Managed office tasks to ensure smooth office operations of the many daily meetings and events
- Represented the department at numerous General Assembly sessions
- Had several speaking engagements for youth issues on behalf of the department
- Assisted with any C-24 needs as well as Decolonization initiatives posed by the GA and Security Council
- Attended critical meetings between states within the C-24 and the Chair of the C-24
- Prepared materials for the department for the C-24 Summit in Indonesia
- Assembled materials for and remotely attended the 2023 UN Seminar in Bali of the Special Committee on Decolonization
- Performed Historical and Contemporary Research necessary for UN-Decolonization efforts
- Created graphical images and copy for social media posts as well as UNWEBTV
- Worked in English and French and rudimentary levels in several other languages. 20% of time worked in French.

Peacekeeping/Conflict Resolution Intern – Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO)

- Tackled administrative duties including attending diplomatic sessions surrounding issues with the DRC
- Performed and Presented Research on the DRC to the German government

REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS *New York, NY (2023-2023)*

Political Affairs Advisor (3-Month Contract) – San Marino Mission to the United Nations

- Worked directly for the Deputy Permanent Representative and Ambassador
- Handled any required administrative duties and tasks
- Attended the General Assembly with and on behalf of the Mission
- Voted on several resolutions on behalf of the Mission including cease fire accords between Israel and Hamas

LEXINGTON ACADEMY TUTORING/BEYOND THE CURVE *Los Angeles, CA (2021-2023)*

Teacher, Manager and Board Member

- Managed the Palos Verdes, California location including daily operations, planning, customer service, finance and staff
- Taught College, High School, Middle School and Elementary School students in History, Politics and English
- Served on the Board of Directors at Beyond The Curve

DREW UNIVERSITY *Madison, NJ (2019-2021)*

Tutor (Student Worker)

- Tutored College and High School students in History, International Relations, Politics, and other subjects

CITY OF LOS ANGELES *Los Angeles, CA (2017-2018)*

High School Intern – 15th District City Councilman Joe Buscaino

- Interfaced at all levels including Mayor Eric Garcetti, the Councilman, attorneys and office management.
- Handled countless administrative duties and worked on numerous city and community projects
- Coordinated and attended numerous meetings and events in the 15th District

CERTIFICATIONS

COUNTRY OF SAN MARINO – Certificate of Service to the Crown

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS – Basic Field Training, Restoring Family Links Outreach, Restoring Family Links Caseworker, Data and Privacy Preparedness

UNITED NATIONS – Certification of Service, Certification of Appreciation, Sustainable Development in Latin America and Caribbean Summit, BESAFE, Ethics and Integrity, I Know Gender, Information Security Awareness: Foundational, Preventing Fraud and Corruption at the United Nations, Preventing of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse by UN Personnel: Managers and Commanders, Human Rights Responsibilities for staff in DEVNET, INFONET, LEGALNET and POLNET, Respect for Managers: Preventing Sexual Harassment and Other Prohibited Conduct

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY – Expert in African History, Politics and Culture, Working Knowledge of the French Language

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY – Foreign Service Exam

PUBLISHED WORKS

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY – *Graduate Thesis* – Counterterrorism in Mali (A Tragic French Foray - French Interventionism in Mali 2013-2023)

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY – *Policy Paper* – European Union Externalization & Securitization Policy Towards Refugee and Migratory Movements

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY – *Historical and Policy Paper* – The Grain Deal (The United Nations' Fight to Feed the World Ukraine's Grain)

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY – *Historical and Policy Paper* – Colonial Violence (The Legacy of the Belgian Congo)

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY – *Policy Paper* – European Union Migratory Policy with North Africa (Implications for Sub-Saharan Africa)

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY – *Historical Paper* – Europe's Integration Project with Algeria

DREW UNIVERSITY – *Historical and Policy Paper (Award-Winning)* – MONUSCO (The United Nations' Most Complex Peacekeeping Endeavor)

PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

UNITED NATIONS – 2024 Youth ECOSOC World Forum - International Conference on Multiple Disciplinary Studies and Education - Stockholm

UNITED NATIONS – 2024 Youth ECOSOC World Forum - International Conference on African Studies, Popular Culture and History - Stockholm

UNITED NATIONS – 2023 Youth ECOSOC World Forum

UNITED NATIONS – 2023 Youth ECOSOC World Forum

UNITED NATIONS – 3rd Committee Debate of United Nations General Assembly Session 78

UNITED NATIONS – United Nations General Assembly Session 78 - Youth Human Rights in Education

UNITED NATIONS – 4th Committee Debate on Nuclear Disarmament and Research for United Nations General Assembly Session 78

UNITED NATIONS – Youth Panel Discussion with the UN International Organization of Migration 2023

UNITED NATIONS – Youth Dialogue with UN Partners for the 2030 Agenda

GERMAN MISSION – UN Diplomatic Dialogue with regards to EU-UN Relations

ORGANIZATIONS

UNITED NATIONS' YOUNG PROFESSIONALS – Member

ALPHA EPSILON OMICRON – International Honors Society – Member

SKILLS

Excellent Written and Oral Communications

Fluent in English and Conversational French; Rudimentary knowledge of German, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Japanese, Mandarin and Arabic

Public Speaking including on UNWEBTV

Extensive Knowledge on Current World Affairs

Conversant On Veritably All Countries and Territories Regarding Governments, Economics, Military and History.

Advanced Microsoft Office (*Word, Excel and PowerPoint*) and Google Drive (*Docs and Sheets*)

Basic Video and Graphics Development, Technical Skills on PC & Mac, Network/Server Security as well as Video/Public Address System setup