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PROFILE

Aspiring policymaker committed to expanding knowledge in policy development and implementation to bridge the gap between international policy sphere and local stakeholders in developing countries. Passionate advocate for women and social justice, experienced in leading social projects.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Economics | Political Science Minor University of Portland (UP) | Portland, OR

POLICY AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Center for Migration Gender and Justice Researcher | Stuttgart, Germany (Remote)

- Continue summer 2021 research and implement indicators to produce a user-friendly scorecard as a gender-responsive framework to the Global and Regional reviews of the Global Compact on Migration in March 2022
- Collaborate with a team of five to review existing toolkits and develop an easily digestible migration-gender monitoring and evaluation toolkits for civil society organizations and migrants' communities

UP Political Science Department & With or Without (WoW e.V)., April-May 2019 Research Intern | Portland, Oregon (Remote)

- Conducted qualitative research on 186 EU Politicians and selectively observed the EU Politicians' migration and gender legislations
- Collaborated with a team of four to publish EU alliances' profiles with the focus on gender, migration, and religion policies as contribution to the right to equal access of information for migrants

WORK EXPERIENCE

UP First-Generation College Students

Programming and Event Coordinator | Portland, Oregon

- Develop and organize program tailored to the needs of first-generation students • through coordinating campus-wide speakers and fostering community engagement with internal and external partners
- Lead 18 other ambassadors to provide mentorship support to address specific needs of first year, first-generation students

UP Provost's Initiative Award

Researcher | Portland, Oregon & Stuttgart, Germany (Remote)

- Analyzed the Global Compact on Migration and the Global Compact on Refugees to understand the intersectionality of gender and migration in policy
- Collected qualitative data (regional reviews); analyzed the structure and the global review processes to produce indicators for migration-gender scorecard

December 2020- December 2021

May-June 2021

September 2021- Present

Expected May 2022

GPA 3.96

Gender and Development for Cambodia

Intern | Phnom Penh, Cambodia

- Developed training manual focusing on Women in Leadership focusing on local women leaders from diverse backgrounds
- Contributed to the development of internal capacity building for the organization's beneficiary groups by serving as a trainer in five trainings and a direct support for program manager

UP Moreau Center for Service and Justice

Rural Immersion Coordinator | Portland & Yakima Vallev

- Designed and operated a week-long immersion trip for 12 students and university staff
- Led discussion with various community members including farmers and indigenous community leaders to better understand the impact of zoning, social protection policies on indigenous population, and the intersectionality of social justice issues for migrants and indigenous communities

UP International Student Service

Admission Assistant | Portland, Oregon

- Assisted admission counselor on application review, processed students' confidential documents, and bettered the office's process through organizing records creatively
- Served as a student representative and an intermediary between international students and the administration to address concerns

CamEd Business School

Librarian | Phnom Penh. Cambodia

- Contributed to the integration of the new library system (LLC) to the library and created campaign to raise awareness of the library resources
- Led creative engagement activities to foster the culture of reading, contributing to the alleviation of high illiteracy rate in Cambodia

CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Unleashing Your Potential

Co-founder | Cambodia

- Respond to the gap in mentorship support for rural high school students through guiding them to explore their afterschool pathways with 3 other co-founders
- Develop program structures tackling the needs of high school students including English language supports and outreach to Cambodian university students as potential mentors

Cambodian Student Association in the USA

Co-founder & Vice President | U.S.A

- Developed a constitution with nine other Cambodian students across the U.S. and launched the association in July to create country-wide community providing peer supports, a network, and career workshops for Cambodian students
- Collaborated with Cambodian Embassy in the U.S to endorse the Association and provide access to incoming Cambodian students to the Association resources

February-July 2018

June 2021-Present

January 2021-September 2021

May-August 2020

October 2018-December 2019

July-October 2019

WEduShare

Ambassador | Phnom Penh, Cambodia

- Served as representative of a peer-supporting-peer website to provide scholarship information to Cambodian youths, contributing to the elimination of the lack of access to education and vocational opportunities
- Produced easily digestible scholarship information and wrote articles comprising scholarship advice or personal experiences traveling abroad

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Global Education Oregon (GEO): Liberal Arts in London January-March 2020 | U.K

• Attended courses taught by British faculty at GEO London Centre: returned to Cambodia due to Covid pandemic and continued coursework remotely

JCI Asia-Pacific Regional Public Speaking Competition 24-27 May 2018 | Japan

• Sent as Cambodian representative to the Asia-Pacific regional competition on the topic of sustainable development issues: youngest speaker at the competition

Thailand Institute of Justice Youth Forum06-12 November 2016 | Thailand

• Fully-funded experiential learning trip hosted by policy institute: evaluated policies regarding protection for women victims and prisoners in the justice system, visited one of the women prisons, and attended the ASEAN Conference on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

ASEAN Plus Three Youth Environmental Forum

• Fully-funded experiential learning trip hosted by National Environment Agency: participated in a facilitated strategic planning process to address trash control issue in Cambodia, attended site visits to different environmental protection sites, and created a recycling bin prototype

Sunburst Brain Camp

22-26 June 2015 | Singapore

08-10 April 2016 | Singapore

• Fully-funded experiential learning trip hosted by National University of Singapore: attended seminars on brain-related topics, visited research sites to learn about current progress on cures for brain diseases, and delivered group presentation about strokes

AWARDS & HONORS

The Asia Foundation LeadNext Fellowship | 2022 UP Sojourner Scholars Program | 2019-2022 SHE-CAN Scholar and Global Women's Leadership Program | 2017-Present UP College of Arts and Sciences Dean's list | 2018-Present Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society | 2019-Present Junior Chamber International (JCI) Cambodia Public Speaking Champion | 2018 ASEAN Eco School Award for implementation of my environmental project at Presh Sisowath High School | 2016 EducationUSA Opportunity Fund Program in Cambodia | 2014-2016

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

UP Moreau Center Border Immersion Stock UP (University of Portland Food Pantry) Service and Justice Volunteer with Moreau Center Northwest Model United Nation UP Moreau Center Affordable Housing Immersion November 2021-March 2022 October 2021-Present August-December 2019 August 2018-May 2019 March 2018