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EDUCATION

Sept 2021- Present MA, Political Science, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada

Feb 2015- Dec 2018 BA, Law and Political Science, Herat University, Herat, Afghanistan

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

✓ **Position:** Graduate Assistant

❖ **Organization:** WUSC (World University Service of Canada) Local Committee, Memorial University

❖ **Date:** Oct 2022 – Present

Responsibilities: Advising and supporting the team in managing the SRP (Student Refugees Program) at MUN and organizing awareness events related to refugee and displaced students.

✓ **Position:** Research Assistant

❖ **Organization:** Political Science Department, Memorial University

❖ **Date:** Jan 2023 – Present

Responsibilities: Conducted literature reviews, collected and analyzed data, summarized findings and prepared reports.

✓ **Position:** Graduate Researcher (Politics, Democracy and Governance)

❖ **Organization:** Political Science Department, Memorial University

❖ **Date:** Oct 2022 – Dec 2022

Responsibilities: Conducted research and literature reviews for a book project.

✓ **Position:** Graduate Teaching/Research Assistant

❖ **Organization:** Political Science Department, Memorial University

❖ **Date:** Sep 2022 – Dec 2022

Responsibilities: Conducted literature reviews, collected data, graded papers, and other related tasks assigned by the professors.

✓ **Position:** Director, University Legal Clinic

❖ **Organization:** Kardan University, Kabul, Afghanistan

❖ **Date:** June 2021- September 2021

Responsibilities: Developed appropriate systems, policies, and procedures for the efficient operation of the University Legal Clinic; Managed donor and grantor relations/reporting and assisted with future fundraising, as needed; Oversaw all the courses, legal advice, and the Legal Clinic's public client files; Promoted the University Legal Clinic at faculty, University, student, and community level: giving talks, writing letters, attending meetings, writing articles, providing legal services for the public; Collaborated with bar associations, law firms, courts, community organizations, media, and the legal community to further the mission of the University Legal Clinic; Designed and taught professional development courses (Legal Writing, Legal Research, Advocacy Skills, Communications, etc.) for students and staff.

✓ **Position:** Manager, Gender Affairs & Alumni Engagement

❖ **Organization:** Kardan University, Kabul, Afghanistan

❖ **Date:** June 2020- June 2021

Responsibilities: Managed gender equity at various platforms and promoted gender awareness across the University; planned and developed gender strategy in alignment with the University's strategic plan; Worked with teams across the University to develop a gender-friendly environment ensuring equal access to the University programs resources and facilities; Worked with the University's management and departments to identify female role models as ambassadors and mentors to support and inspire women education; implemented and monitored Gender Policy across the University; Developed alumni engagement strategy in alignment with the University's strategic plan; Developed action plans and created alumni networking events in coordination with the Student Involvement and Success Center; Enhanced alumni participation in the University's strategic plans, decision making and networking programs; Built partnerships with alumni locally, nationally, and internationally and maintained regular communication with them; Organized alumni events and provided guidance to alumni volunteers; Engaged the University alumni in community development and social welfare programs including community donations, sustainability practices and anti-poverty program; Developed alumni communications and promotion plans and worked with communications team to profile the University's top alumni; Worked with Career Services and Student Involvement team to create students and alumni engagement opportunities, identify potential industries and firms to sponsor and co-host events and programs.

✓ **Position:** Coach, Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team (Part-Time Contract)

❖ **Organization:** Kardan University, Kabul, Afghanistan

❖ **Date:** June 2019- June 2020

Responsibilities: Taught international commercial arbitration and advocacy skills geared toward the moot court competition; reviewed and critiqued students' oral advocacy skills, drafting abilities and substantive commercial law arguments.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Position: Create Your Own Change Ambassador

❖ **Organization:** YMCA, Newfoundland and Labrador

❖ **Date:** November 2022 – April 2023

Responsibilities: Initiated and led community projects, addressing community challenges and building positive community change.

Position: Community Volunteer

❖ **Organization:** Association for New Canadians (ANC)

❖ **Date:** September 2022 – Present

Responsibilities: Volunteering in different programs to support the settlement, integration, and inclusion of immigrants into their new community.

Position: Vice President for Internal Affairs/ Socio-Cultural Division Head

❖ **Organization:** Political Science Graduate Student Society, Memorial University

❖ **Date:** September 2022 – Present

Responsibilities: Supporting the core function and administration of the Society, Performing the role of Officer-in-Charge by filling in for the President as needed (including as an alternative Student Representative), Serving as the lead planner for socio-cultural events aimed at strengthening social cohesion and forging solidarity within the Society

Position: Campus Director for Herat and Kardan Universities

❖ **Organization:** Hult Prize Foundation

❖ **Date:** January 2018 – December 2019

Responsibilities: Organized and built on the pre-existing on-campus Hult Prize Foundation program; supported students in developing their entrepreneurial skills; communicated with stakeholders; Recruited and led the Hult Prize On-Campus organizing team.

Position: President, Student's Council of the Law and Political Science Faculty

❖ **Organization:** Law and Political Science Faculty, Herat University

❖ **Date:** January 2017 - December 2018

Responsibilities: Represented the student council at the faculty management's meetings and civic events and other meetings; Supervised the functioning of the elected committee Officers; Presided the students' council meetings; Coordinated the work of chairpersons of committees and task forces.

Position: Judge, International Rounds of Jessup Competition

❖ **Organization:** International Law Student Association (ILSA)

❖ **Date:** March 2022

Responsibilities: Judged two oral rounds of the competition and graded two memorials for the international rounds

Position: Arbitrator, Vis East Moot Competition

❖ **Organization:** Vis East Moot

❖ **Date:** March 2022

Responsibilities: Judged three oral rounds of the competition and graded five memorials for the Vis East Moot Competition.

HONOURS & AWARDS

- April 2022, **Honoree**, Political Perspective Conference (2022), NL, Memorial University
- September 2021, **Graduate Entrance Scholarship**, MA in Political Science, Memorial University
- October 2018, **Academic Excellence Award**, Law School, Herat University, Afghanistan
- October 2018, **Team Award**, First Runner up of Afghanistan Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Kabul, Afghanistan
- January 2018, **Team Award**, Best Applicant Memorial of National Round of Afghanistan, 2018 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, Kabul, Afghanistan
- January 2018, **Team Award**, Winner of National Round of Afghanistan 2018 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, Kabul, Afghanistan
- August 2017, **Individual Award**, Best Delegate of Afghanistan Model United Nation, Welfare Association for the Development of Afghanistan & US Embassy, Kabul, Afghanistan
- January 2017, **Team Award**, Best Respondent Memorial of National Round of Afghanistan, 2017 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, Kabul, Afghanistan
- January 2017, **Team Award**, Best Applicant Memorial of National Round of Afghanistan, 2017 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, Kabul, Afghanistan
- March 2016, **Individual Award**, Top 10 Speaker of Provincial Debate Clubs Competition, Afghans for Progressive Thinking (APT), Herat, Afghanistan
- February 2012, **Individual Award**, Math Innovator, Science and Technology Center, Herat, Afghanistan.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

31 March 2019- 7 April 2019

Participated in the 16th Willem C. Vis East International

Commercial Arbitration Moot, Hong Kong SAR

5 March- 9 March 2019

Participated in the 9th Annual Willem C. Vis Middle East International

Commercial Arbitration Pre-Moot, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- International Association of Political Science Students (IAPSS)
- Afghanistan Vis Alumni Network
- Afghanistan Jessup Alumni Association

REFERENCES

Upon Request

