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## EDUCATION

**Columbia University School of the Arts**, New York, NY  
*M.F.A. in Playwriting*

*August 2019 – Present*

**Wellesley College**, Wellesley, MA  
*B.A. in English Literature (with honors) and Political Science*

*August 2013 – May 2017*

**Senior Thesis:** *Jet Lag*, collection of semi-autobiographical short stories, advised by Octavio Gonzalez

- Earned departmental honors in English
- Received first place Charlotte Paul Reese '38 Memorial Prize for Creativity in Writing, highest writing honor at Wellesley
- Presented at Wellesley College Ruhlman Conference on panel titled "Who Tells Your Story? Narratives Reclaimed"

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## SOCIETIES & ACTIVITIES

### **Wellesley College Shakespeare Society**

- Diversity Outreach Chair (Spring 2016) – responsible for revising organization policies and updating applications to increase representation among society members
- Vice President (Fall 2015) – responsible for managing application processes, event-planning, collaborating with campus organizations, and meeting with school administration
- Actor, Director, and Producer for various productions (2014 – 2017)

### **Wellesley College Upstage Theatre**

- Director, *Guards at the Taj* by Rajiv Joseph, Alumnae Auditorium, Wellesley, MA (Spring 2017)
- Director, *Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo* by Rajiv Joseph, Alumnae Auditorium, Wellesley, MA (Fall 2015)

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## EMPLOYMENT

**White & Case LLP**, Washington, DC

*June 2017 – June 2019*

*Legal Assistant, International Arbitration Group*

- Acted as primary assistant to trial coordinator during two-week hearing at World Bank location in Paris, including managing all trial logistics, assisting witnesses, and providing support to team of 15 attorneys.
- Researched corruption in international arbitration for treatise authored by a Partner of the firm.
- Revised, proofread, and prepared legal documents for hearings and submissions.

**Wellesley College Office of Residential Life**, Wellesley, MA

*August 2016 – May 2017*

*House President*

- Planned monthly community-building events and ran weekly House Council meetings for residence hall of 150 students.
- Advised four Resident Assistants in their technical responsibilities and floor-specific program-planning.

**Medical-Legal Partnership**, Boston, MA

*May 2015 – July 2015*

*Intern*

- Collaborated on the development of trainings for three healthcare systems in the Greater Boston Area, and assisted with case consultations between patients and attorneys at Boston Medical Center to ensure cultural competency among legal and medical professionals.
- Created tip sheets with graphic designers at Artists for Humanity to further patient awareness of commonplace legal rights, particularly in underserved areas in Eastern Massachusetts.

**Project ECHO, University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center**, Albuquerque, NM

*June 2014 – July 2014*

*Intern*

- Assisted ECHO's Replication Team to help underserved New Mexican communities gain access to healthcare through Telehealth clinics with local doctors and community health workers.
- Organized outreach and recruiting events at the University of New Mexico School of Nursing.