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EDUCATION

Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA

August 2013—May 2017

B.A. in English Literature (with honors) and Political Science

Senior Thesis: *Jet Lag*, collection of original 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"

Relevant Coursework: Advanced Playwriting, Short Narrative, Immigration & Diaspora in 21st Century Literature, Elizabethan Shakespeare, Jacobean Shakespeare, Calderwood Seminar in Public Writing, Women in Comedy

SOCIETIES & ACTIVITIES

Shakespeare Theatre Company, Washington, D.C.

- Usher (January 2018—Present)

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)

Wellesley College Shakespeare Society

- Actor, "Prince Henry" in scenes from *Henry IV* by William Shakespeare (Spring 2017)
- Director, scenes from *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare (Fall 2017)
- Diversity Outreach Chair (Spring 2016) – responsible for revising organization policies and applications to increase representation among society members
- Actor, "Claudia" (Claudio) in *Much Ado About Nothing* by William Shakespeare (Spring 2016)
- Production Manager for *Much Ado About Nothing* by William Shakespeare (Spring 2016)
- Director, scenes from *The Comedy of Errors* by William Shakespeare (Spring 2016)
- Vice President (Fall 2015) – responsible for managing application processes, event-planning, collaborating with campus organizations, and meeting with the school administration
- Director, scenes from *As You Like It* by William Shakespeare (Spring 2015)
- Actor, "Demetrius" in scenes from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare (Spring 2015)
- Actor, "Gonzalo" in *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare (Fall 2014)
- Actor, "Lady Anne" in scenes from *Richard III* by William Shakespeare (Fall 2014)
- Actor, "Rocky" in *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* by Richard O'Brien (Fall 2014)
- Actor, "Calpurnia" in *Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare (Spring 2014)
- Actor "Antipholus" in scenes from *The Comedy of Errors* by William Shakespeare (Spring 2014)

Stand-up Comedy

- "Friendsgiving," The Riverview, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY (Fall 2018)
- "Desi Moms," Bouley at Home, New York, NY (Fall 2018)
- "Lawyers," Chinese Disco, Washington, DC (Spring 2018)
- "The State of Things," Punch's Alley, Wellesley, MA (Fall 2016)
- "Salad, and other Oddities," Punch's Alley, Wellesley, MA (Fall 2016)
- "The Vaishes go to a Holiday Party," Punch's Alley, Wellesley, MA (Spring 2016)
- "My International Flight with a Bollywood Reality Star," Punch's Alley, Wellesley, MA (Spring 2015)

NOTABLE WORKS

- *Charles B. Meyer v. Malaysia*, two-act play (Fall 2018)
- *Jet Lag*, collection of short stories (Spring 2017)
- *Continuum*, collection of short stories (Spring 2017)
- "Growing with Wellesley," Wellesley College commencement speech finalist, published in *Counterpoint* magazine (Spring 2017)

2017)

- “A Curious Incident in Everyday Life,” op-ed piece (Spring 2016)
- “God’s Child,” personal essay, published in *Chin Up* newsletter for Aditya Birla Integrated School for differently-abled children in Mumbai, India (Spring 2015)
- *Maximum City Streets*, two-act play (Fall 2014)
- *Graduates*, one-act play, staged-reading performed at Wellesley College (Fall 2013)
- “Interphase,” American School of Bombay high school graduation speech (Spring 2013)
- *Behind Bars*, twenty-minute play, performed at American School of Bombay (Fall 2011)
- *Curtain Call*, twenty-minute play, performed at Columbia University Summer Program in Writing, Acting, and Directing (Summer 2011)

EMPLOYMENT

White & Case LLP, Washington, DC

June 2017—Present

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.
- Research corruption in international arbitration for treatise authored by a Partner of the firm.
- Revise, proofread, and prepare legal documents for submission; cite-check legal documents; attend strategy meetings with associates and partners to prepare for hearings and submissions; create indexes and compilations for partners and clients to use during hearings.

Wellesley College Office of Residential Life, Wellesley, MA

August 2016—May 2017

House President

- Served as the executive student officer in a residence hall of 150 students; planned monthly community-building events for residence hall; ran weekly House Council meetings.
- Managed four Resident Assistants in their responsibilities.
- Elected Vice President of House Presidents’ Council.

Shearman & Sterling LLP, New York, NY

June 2016—July 2016

Intern, Finance Group

- Conducted research on Bankruptcy Court cases for a Partner of the firm.
- Drafted articles on new structures needed to ensure bankruptcy remoteness, particularly for pharmaceutical and real estate companies, and on potential capabilities of Rule 3a-7 of 1940 Investment Company Act.

Wellesley College English Department, Wellesley, MA

September 2015—May 2016

Teaching Assistant

- Selected by English Department faculty to work with students of various backgrounds to develop writing skills for English courses.
- Revised papers for brevity, clarity, and accuracy.

Medical-Legal Partnership, Boston, MA

May 2015—July 2015

Intern

- Selected as a fellow for the Lumpkin Institute for Service Learning.
- Represented Medical-Legal Partnership at Health Equity Conference at the University of Massachusetts School of Medicine
- Collaborated on the development of trainings for three healthcare systems in the Greater Boston Area; assisted with case consults between patients and attorneys at Boston Medical Center; attended trials in Housing Court.
- Liaised between Medical-Legal Partnership and graphic designers at Artists for Humanity to create tip sheets to increase patient awareness of commonplace legal rights.

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 events at the University of New Mexico School of Nursing.
- Collaborated on design and layout for new website; modified online database; revised grant proposals.