What is your past Model UN experience?

NAIMUN 2013 - Legal committee; PMUNC 2012, CMUNC 2013 - Special Political, and Decolonization committee; CMUNC 2014 - DISEC; I have 4 years of experience on the debate team, and have acted for many years.

1. What interests you about the Ukrainian crisis?

The Ukrainian crisis is intriguing because everything that occurs in Ukraine not only affects them, but the global community, including the United States. Putin right now is trying to establish a Neo-Russian empire to protect Russian interests, and all countries are incredibly hesitant in getting involved. The European Countries will only take action if big countries like the United States and Great Britain become involved. Ultimately, the issue has potential to become a national conflict in containing Russia.

1. What are some of the major factors that influence Ukraine’s relationship with both the West and with Russia?

The Ukrainian leadership will play a monumental role in its relations with the West and Russia. Western countries seek to prevent the expansion of Russia, however Ukraine has several ties to Russia from pre-democratic days. Russia’s immense supply of natural gas has quite the grip on the Ukraine. However, on the other hand, Ukraine’s citizens seem to desire a democratic society more than ever.

1. The annexation of Crimea—justifiable or a crime? Why? Be concise, be specific.

Crime: Russia’s main argument is that most Crimeans want to join Russia. However, they have attempted to rush the process and have created enormous amounts of international pressure as a result. If Russia wanted to justifiably annex Crimea, they should be approaching with more patience and focus on following due process.