#### ZHEN LI

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### **EDUCATION**

New York University, New York, NY

September 2021-May 2023

Master of Science in Global Affairs; Concentration in Peacebuilding; Specialization in Data Analytics

GPA: 3.905/4.0

Nantong University, Jiangsu, China Bachelor of Arts, English Linguistics September 2016-June 2020

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Fox Leadership International & English Program

July-August 2018

# **RESEARCH EXPERIENCES**

Research Volunteer, New York University-Diplomats Without Borders, NY || Remote September 2023-Present

- Conducting a group project with students and professors of NYU Center for Global Affairs and colleagues of DWB to develop research questions and a survey to discover the role of former diplomats in conflict resolution.
- Conducting data analysis on the survey and wrote a report based on the results.

Research Fellow, **CDA Collaborative Learning**, Cambridge, MA || Remote

May 2023-Present

- Contributing to the Environmental-Fragility-Peace Nexus Project via research, data analysis, workshops, and grant searching for worldwide case studies on environmental peacebuilding and wrote articles about climate change and conflict resolutions for key publications.
- Researching big data and thick data on environmental peacebuilding, and climate change impact on SDGs.

Student Consultant, New York University-Alliance for Peacebuilding, NY || Hybrid

January-June 2023

- Collaborated with colleagues of AfP and NYU to develop research questions about the latest trends and approaches in the Peacebuilding field, called Peacebuilding 3.0 for my graduate capstone project at NYU Center for Global Affairs.
- Created a comprehensive survey via Qualtrics for peacebuilding organizations to define the concept of Peacebuilding.
- Cleaned and coded on STATA and employed qualitative and quantitative analysis techniques to analyze survey data.

Graduate Assistant - Data Specialization, New York University Center for Global Affairs, NY August 2022-May 2023

- Curated comprehensive cross-national datasets using Excel and STATA, including human rights, gender, economy, energy, environment, governance statistics, and current valuable teaching resources in academic classes.
- Assisted with survey review, located resources for data and articles, and performed comprehensive qualitative and quantitative analyses.
- Collected data and proofread for the Professor's ongoing articles and projects including conjoint analysis.

### WORK EXPERIENCES

Secretary of Students Association for Global Affairs, New York University, NY

August-December 2022

- Maintained the Students Association for Global Affairs email account and the LinkedIn and Instagram accounts.
- Kept meeting minutes accurately, and made all documents available to interested parties.

# Intern, B.A.S.I.C.S International, Accra, Ghana

June-July 2022

- Fundraised and managed a community-level health and recycling project to educate children on recycling and environmental protection through fun recycling games.
- Supported grant management and project management, and analyzed the project's impact on children using STATA, revealing positive results through a survey.
- Conducted research on gamified education, designed and participated in gamified educational activities with children in rural communities, and improved the academic performance of children in the organization.

# Intern, International Young Leaders Organization, Vienna, Austria || Remote

January-November 2021

- Managed worldwide youth demographic dataset, coordinated events with other youth organizations, and organized events on youth collaboration.
- Coordinated weekly meetings, managed social media, drafted meeting notes, agendas, panelist bios, and policy briefs.
- Developed effective time management strategies to prioritize tasks and optimize productivity.

# PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Li, Zhen. "Fighting Against Climate Change to Build Positive Peace: Proposal of an Intersectional Panel on Environmental Peacebuilding in Sudan." *In Factis Pax: Journal of Peace Education and Social Justice* 17.1 (2023): 76-91.
- 李振. "ESPN 体育新闻中的球员形象塑造".声屏世界, 01 (2020): 22-23.
- (Li, Zhen. "Player Portrayal in ESPN Sports News Reports." Voice & Screen World 01(2020):22-23)

# **ARTICLES & ESSAYS & REPORTS**

- "Climate Change and Conflict in Ghana." CDA Collaborative Learning Project with Chemonics International (2023)
- Li, Zhen. "Proposal of an Intersectional Panel on Environmental Peacebuilding in Tribal Conflicts." *Peace Chronicle (Spring 2023):90-97*
- Li, Zhen. "South Korea to Break Out the Dilemma in US-China Rivalry." NYU Global Affairs Review (2022)
- Li, Zhen. "Improving Primary Education Quality in Kenya." NYU Global Affairs Review (2022)

# **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

• Accepted, Sustainable Progress; Sustainable Futures, Peace and Conflict Studies Journal Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL

November 2023

- Co-Presenter, *Data for Peace Annual Conference 2023*, NYU Center on International Cooperation, New York, NY
  October 2023
- Presenter, Voices: Naming War, Speaking Peace, Notre Dame Student Peace Conference, Notre Dame, IN

April 2023

• Co-Presenter and Coordinator, *A Decade of Action: Building a Resilient Recovery*, 10<sup>th</sup> UN ECOSOC Youth Forum
April 2021

### **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

• Solar Panel Business Plan in Napoli, Italy with SUNDA, Yunnan, China	January-March 2023
<ul> <li>Polish-Ukrainian Youth Football League Project Proposal to UNICEF</li> </ul>	October 2022
<ul> <li>Captain of the Basketball Team in College</li> </ul>	2017-2018

#### **AWARDS & HONORS**

NYU Center for Global Affairs Research Scholarship	April 2023
NYU Steinhardt Global Need-Based Scholarship	August 2022
Outstanding Graduate of Nantong University Xinglin College	June 2020
• First-Class and Merit Student Scholarship	2016-2020
• Third Prize in the 22nd East China English Debating Competition	May 2019
Merit Student in Nantong City, Jiangsu, China	April 2019
<ul> <li>Jiangsu Province Government Scholarship of Overseas Studies</li> </ul>	September 2018
• First Prize of Nantong University Model United Nations Conference	May 2018

### **SKILLS & INTERESTS**

- Languages: Mandarin (Native); English (Fluent); French (Basic)
- Certificates: Data Analytics; Cambridge English Business Higher (BEC Higher)
- Skills: STATA; R; Python; Qualtrics; Canva; Microsoft Office & Google Suite
- Interests: Creative & Critical Thinking; Global News Reading; Sports; Cooking