

# AUSTIN BLOOM

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## **EDUCATION**

### **Tulane University**

Bachelor of Arts in Political Economy  
Concentration: *International Perspectives*  
*Cum Laude*

New Orleans, LA  
May 2011

### **London School of Economics and Political Science**

International Relations – General Course

London, UK  
September 2009-July 2010

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **Creative Alliance of New Orleans**

New Orleans, LA

Intern

July 2010-August 2010

- Researched examples of creative space centers for community development in urban areas and analyzed potential locations for art studio space, music production and digital media business incubators in New Orleans
- Discussed New Orleans cultural policy programs and the renewed interest in creative economies within Creative Alliance and with stakeholders

### **AstraZeneca PLC**

Washington, DC

Federal Government Affairs Intern

May 2009-August 2009

- Interned with policy and government affairs office during 2009 US healthcare reform period
- Attended and analyzed congressional hearings relevant to healthcare reform
- Tracked healthcare legislation and organized library of current legislation and statements released by relevant healthcare stakeholders
- Assisted policy department with forming position on pharmaceutical sampling

### **The Idea Village**

New Orleans, LA

Administrative and Research Intern

January 2009-March 2009

- Researched projects for a non-profit economic development organization that fosters entrepreneurship and private sector growth in post-Katrina New Orleans
- Created database of graduate business schools that provide summer fellowships for non-profit interns
- Led research project focused on green business organizations in other cities to explore feasibility of a New Orleans Green Business organization
- Performed general administrative tasks: client file maintenance, meeting minutes and front desk

## **INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Worked with outreach group to help renovate the Casa Celestial Orphanage, a Mexican orphanage facility in Tecate, Baja California
- Traveled to over twenty countries throughout Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean
- **Languages:** Spanish (proficient); Portuguese (beginner)

## **ACTIVITIES**

**Interim Vice President**, Liberal Arts Student Government, Tulane University

September 2008-May 2009

**Lyceum Board Member**, Tulane University Campus Programming Board

September 2008-May 2009

- Brought Senator Harold Ford, Jr., and Governor Mike Huckabee. to campus for debate on America's future

**DJ**, WTUL New Orleans Radio, Tulane University

January 2008-Present

- Improved communication skills on FM radio station and participated in annual fundraiser

## **VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- **Outreach Tulane** – Participated in a day of service rebuilding Katrina damage
- **The Surfrider Foundation** – Collected water pollution level samples for national non-profit organization dedicated to ocean and coastal conservation in Laguna Beach, CA