# Carra Wu

## Academics

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Phillips Academy Andover, Andover, MA: Cum Laude, Diploma 2013-2017

Relevant Coursework: Crossing Borders (end of Spanish sequence), AP Stats, AP Econ, AP Computer Science,

Creative Writing Poetry

Harvard College, Cambridge, MA: BA, Philosophy/Econ 2017-2021 (expected)

Relevant Coursework: Landmark Cases in Supreme Court History, Intro to Economics, CS50, HUM11a

## Research

## Research Assistant, Harvard Kennedy School & Institute of Politics October 2017 – present

Research assistant to Peter Hart, director of the Harvard Shorenstein Center for Media and Politics' *The Room* podcast, where high profile guests are interviewed about their key roles in world-changing decisions. Responsible for preparing briefs, finding leads, and structuring interviews on topics ranging from NAFTA to the killing of Osama bin Laden to populism to political upsets.

## Independent Research, OWHL Research Scholars

## November 2016 – February 2017

Explored technology's impact on labor justice from economic and historical perspectives under the advisory of John Palfrey, our head of school and former director of Harvard's Berkman Klein Center. My research paper suggests a set of policy recommendations for government, individuals, and corporations in the new digital age. Published in *The Bell Tower* by the Oliver Wendell Holmes Library.

## **Experience/Organizations**

#### Analyst, Harvard College Consulting Group

#### October 2017 – present

Consulted for a Fortune 10 company, researching and preparing slide decks, participating in weekly case team meetings and client calls, and training in modeling, excel, data analysis, and survey construction.

## Business Analyst Intern, BFC Group

## June 2017 - July 2017

Conducted product pipeline analysis for the top 50 public Chinese pharmaceutical companies. Arranged and translated Chinese data for an international client audience.

## Social Innovations Lab Intern, National Domestic Workers Alliance June 2016 – August 2016

Researched and analyzed the on-demand economy's impact on domestic workers; created a rating system to evaluate companies; assisted the development of a downloadable agreements app, which empowers domestic workers to negotiate and formalize contracts with employers, created toolkit for progressive tech employees to promote the Good Work Code and its principles in their companies

#### President of Philomathean Debate Society, Andover

#### April 2016 - April 2017

Team's top-seeded debater. Led weekly meetings, directed 18-person board, trained 50+ debaters, judged weekly DANEIS tournaments, and coordinated the league's largest annual world-qualifier (150+ teams). Managed annual budget of \$15,000. Generated \$3000+ tournament revenue. Negotiated and oversaw exclusive training partnership with Harvard College Debating Union.

#### President of Women's Forum, Phillips Academy Andover

## April 2015 – April 2016

Ran weekly discussion meetings. Managed 8-person board, 40+ person organization, and various social media platforms/campaigns. Raised \$2,000+ for Rosie's Place, a Boston women's shelter. Was awarded \$12,700 grant to bring Roxane Gay to Andover and organized keynote event, attracting 300+ people from across MA. Spearheaded Andover's first Take Back the Night March in 2016 with Brace Center for Gender Studies. Worked with school administration to bring sex health and education to Andover.

#### President of STAND Chapter, Phillips Academy Andover

#### April 2015 - April 2016

Worked with board to plan weekly educational meetings and speaker events focused on anti-genocide activism. Raised \$2500+ for a refugee school in Darfur, Sudan. Annual human rights lobbying trip to D.C.

## Web Development Intern, W Hub HK

#### June 2014 - July 2014

Worked with founder on developing a new website to project brand image. Compiled engaging media and articles to include in the company newsletter to the 500+ startups in the network.

## **Extracurricular Activities**

#### Costumer & Dancer, Harvard Ballet Company

## September 2017 – present

Designed costumes for HBC's spring 2018 show, the largest in 6 years. Responsible for finding and negotiating sponsorship deals with major dance apparel brands to execute artistic vision within budget. Performed in HBC's fall 2017 show, In Passage, the first original ballet in Ivy League history.

### Developer, Miscellaneous Hackathons and Projects

### June 2014 – present

<u>Projects:</u> iOS game called *Splat!*, Alexa Skill for political competency, tinkered with IoT plug and Raspberry Pi, Built a web app that uses an algorithm to optimize the price of Airbnb listings based on neighboring listings. <u>Hackathons:</u> HackDev at Harvard- built front end for a website that used a Python web crawler to pull stock data from Yahoo! Finance, analyzed trends, and outputted smart analysis. Created logo with Illustrator and Photoshop. Participated in CS50 Hackathon.

## **Volunteer Activities**

## Overnight Shift, Y2Y Harvard Square Youth Homeless Shelter

#### October 2017 – present

Staffed the shelter's 11-hour overnight shifts on a weekly basis, engaging with guests in conversation, doing laundry, reading, cooking, and managing individual resource advocacy cases.

## Instructor, Project VOICE / English as a Second Language

#### September 2015 – May 2017

Taught ESL night classes weekly to Spanish-speaking immigrants in Lawrence, MA. Helped prepare them for US citizenship exams. Used both Spanish and English to provide comprehensive explanations to civics questions.

### Awards/Skills

#### Awards:

#### International:

- Qualified for World Individual Debate and Public Speaking Championships (WIDPSC) Sydney 2017
- Represented USA at the Pan-American Debate Championships Vancouver 2016
- Qualified for Team USA's World Schools debate squad through Claremont McKenna College 2015

## National/Regional:

- American Statistical Association National Project Competition 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2016
- Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Northeast Regional Winner (3 Gold Keys, 1 Silver Key) 2016
- Numerous Regional Debate Awards (1st, 2nd, 3rd place for individual and team) 2013-2016
- National Merit Scholar 2016-17
- AP Scholar 2017
- TASP National Finalist 2016
- Caroline D. Bradley Scholar National Finalist 2013
- Davidson Young Scholar 2012-2017

#### Phillips Academy/Local:

- Oliver Wendell Holmes Library Research Scholar 1st place 2016-2017
- Andover Goodhue Prize for Literary Criticism 2016
- Andover Convers Prize for Geometry 2014
- Andover Tang Scholar for the most talented students with limited resources 2013-2017

**Skills**: Coding (iOS/Swift, java, C, Python, and Web Dev), Excel, Surveys, Math Modeling, Design, Consulting, Ceramics, Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Ballet, Public Speaking/Debate, Research, Leadership, Fundraising, Community Outreach, Grant Writing, Policy Analysis, working proficiency in Spanish & fluent in Chinese, Social Media, Writing