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EDUCATION

Duke Kunshan University (DKU) & Duke University Dual Degree

Expected May 2026

B.A. in Arts and Media; Arts Track (DKU)

Kunshan, China

B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies; Art and Media; Arts (Duke)

Durham, U.S.

GPA: 3.6/4, Dean's List (Fall 2024, Spring 2024)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTION

Cited in "A Ground-Breaking Railway: Is the Jakarta-Bandung High-Speed Railway a Game-Changer for Indonesia?", Xiangming Chen, Michael Hutahaeen, and Irvin Nathaniel Tobing, World Financial Review, June-July 2024

- Final research paper for Sociology 206 taught by Professor Xiangming Chen

RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Digital Humanities, Cultural Heritage, and Historic Preservation, Digital Storytelling, Public History and Memory Studies

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Duke University Digital Art History & Visual Culture Research Lab

Sep-Dec 2024

Intern

Durham, U.S.

Mentor: Victoria Szabo

- Assisted with the creation of an exhibit based on late nineteenth-century Durham and Duke
- Conduct archival research on historic events and design feedback for the exhibition's wall timeline

Duke Kunshan University

Jun-Jul 2024

Research Assistant

Remote

Advisor: Coraline Goron

- Researched the GHG Protocols and its implementation in the university setting
- Listed data to calculate DKU's carbon footprint according to the Protocols and past Duke reports

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Duke Kunshan Archives and History Initiative (AHI)

Jan 2025-present

Student Coordinator

Kunshan, China

- Assist with AHI events, prepare and share event advertisements, and assist with audio/video set-up
- Attend and document events for the Humanities Research Center website and internal reports
- Provide feedback based on student suggestions

Duke Kunshan Office of Signature Work

Mar-Apr 2024

Catalog Project Designer

Kunshan, China

- Assist in the creation of the Signature Work catalog book using Adobe InDesign
- Formatted 59 pages of student thesis works and relevant images and posters

Duke Kunshan Residence Life

Sep-May 2024

Office Assistant

Kunshan, China

- Responded to emails, calls, and answered dorm-related questions at the office assistant desk
- Coordinated with Resident Life Assistants and Coordinators to facilitate record-keeping

Duke Kunshan University Global Summer Institute

May-Aug 2023

Program Assistant

Kunshan, China

- Supported conceptualization of program activities for 300+ students
- Oversaw attendees' check-in, move-in, and program events

LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

American Councils for International Education*Kennedy-Lugar YES Abroad Alumni Area Representative*Oct 2024-present
Remote/Durham, U.S.

- Executing area events targeting alumni from US-government-sponsored exchange programs and local community members
- Promote intercultural communication, mutual understanding, and civic engagement

DKU Southeast Asian Society Club*Founder & Co-President*Mar 2024-present
Kunshan, China

- Founded a cultural club to support Southeast Asian students and those interested in the region
- Hosted a table at Global Cultural Week to educate peers about Southeast Asia
- Organized a mixer to connect incoming freshmen with upperclassmen for advice and mentorship

Heritagegear*Game Designer*Oct-Apr 2024
Kunshan, China

- Designed game mechanics for a Vietnamese historical narrative game for visitors at Hue City
- Collaborated with 2 artists, a writer, and a UI/UX designer to create 4 prototype games for on-site user testing
- Re-iterated through the design process based on weekly playtests and team discussions

Millennium Fellowship*Fellow*Aug-Dec 2023
Kunshan, China

- Civic leadership program presented by the United Nations Academic Impact and MCN
- Initiated a sustainability guide website project with the Sustainable DKU club
- Collaborated with 2 other Fellows to strengthen Project objectives progress and tech support
- Participated in 6 weekly training sessions on the SDGs and successful social impact project processes

SKILLS

Digital Media: Web Development, Omeka, Tableau, Figma, Adobe InDesign, Unity, Blender**Programming:** Python, R, HTML, CSS, Basic Javascript**LANGUAGES**

Bahasa Indonesia (Heritage Speaker), Mandarin (Intermediate)