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## EDUCATION

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### **Washington University in St. Louis**, St. Louis, MO

Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies and Philosophy; GPA: 3.91; Art & Sciences Honors

Relevant coursework: Seminar on the *Dialectic of Enlightenment* and the Frankfurt School; Existentialist Thought; Gender Analysis for International Affairs; State Failure, Success, and Development; Interrogating *Crime and Punishment*; Intro to Real Analysis

## INTERESTS

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Research: phenomenology, imitation and originality, artificial intelligence

Teaching: existentialism, philosophy of mind, philosophy of language, German idealism, philosophy of history, political philosophy, international relations, logic

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### **School for International Training**, Yaoundé, Cameroon

Slices of Lives: *A Diversity of Experiences Among Immigrant Restaurateurs in Yaoundé*

Interviewed a group of ~15 restaurateurs in Yaoundé, Cameroon to explore the connections between the cultural preservation and economic well-being of immigrants in the Cameroonian restaurant industry.

Paper available here: [bit.ly/HapemanSIT2024](https://bit.ly/HapemanSIT2024)

## PRESENTATIONS

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### **University of Puget Sound**, Tacoma, WA

The Enlightenment Doomed AI to be Helplessly Human

Paper accepted to the 2025 University of Puget Sound (UPS) Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, where I discussed the concept of “mimesis” as described in Horkheimer and Adorno’s *Dialectic of Enlightenment* and its application to the contemporary development of artificial intelligence, using the movie *WALL-E* as a case study in how humans infuse their own subconscious biases into their technologies.

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Presentation: 30 minutes

Q&A session: 20 minutes

## LEADERSHIP

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### **Sexual Assault and Rape Anonymous Helpline, St. Louis, MO**

External Facilitator; June 2024 - May 2025

Led other external steering positions in communication with WashU student body, collaboration with other university and non-university organizations, recruitment for new helpline counselors, and execution of campus-wide events.

Recruitment Chair; June 2023 - May 2024

Worked with the rest of the recruitment team to discuss, communicate, and implement the helpline's outreach, interview, and selection processes for future peer counselors.

## LANGUAGES

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Speaking and reading proficiency in French; reading and basic speaking competence in Spanish

## SKILLS

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Adobe Creative Cloud; Google Docs, Slides, and Sheets; Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel; Java; JavaScript; Database creation and management; Math; Qualitative Analysis with ATLAS.ti