

JOHN ROBERT OLSON

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EDUCATION

Yale University, Jackson School of Global Affairs, New Haven, CT **Expected Graduation May 2027**

B.A. in Global Affairs and B.A. in History, Advanced Certificate in Spanish - (GPA: 3.76/4.00)

Relevant Courses: Macro & Microeconomics, Statistics & Data Science, Int'l Security, Chinese History & Foreign Policy

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP), Lima, Peru **May - Jul 2024**

Awarded \$8,000 MacMillan Center Fellowship to attend advanced language and culture program in Lima, Peru. Achieved goal of verbal proficiency through immersive instruction, living, and travel.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

House Select Committee on the CCP, *Research Intern*, Washington, D.C. **Aug 2025 – Dec 2025**

- Conducted research and analyzed policy related to strategic competition with the CCP during gap semester. Focused on Chinese influence in Latin America, export controls and trade policy, and rebuilding defense industrial base.
- Leveraged Spanish proficiency to produce series of memos on Chinese investment, infrastructure, and diplomatic activity in Latin America, focusing on space, telecoms, mining, and other critical industries.
- Researched legal precedents to amend civil penalties for illegal export of U.S. critical technologies such as semiconductor manufacturing equipment. Advised professional staff on findings and legislative applications.
- Drafted five oversight letters to CBP seeking enforcement of import prohibitions on Chinese solar products which violate U.S. forced labor standards. Researched and provided proof of forced labor concerns.
- Advised Staff Director on legislative strategies to address supply chain visibility hurdles in defense industrial base.

NewsGuard Technologies, *Analyst Intern*, New York, NY **May 2025 - Aug 2025**

- Analyst internship with innovative news intelligence startup offering tech-powered solutions to counter viral false claims and state-backed cognitive warfare using data, journalism, and open-source intelligence analysis.
- Monitored foreign and domestic sources of damaging false claims online. Synthesized dozens of well-researched, factual articles under tight deadlines. Conducted research using advanced OSINT methods and co-authored June 2025 report detailing false information risks in top American LLMs.

The Buckley Institute, *Editor-in-Chief*, New Haven, CT **Nov 2024 – Present**

- Editor-in-Chief of the *Buckley Beacon*. Lead team of thirteen while authoring and editing news, culture, op-eds, and interviews with professors and thought leaders. Creator and author of the *Beacon's* weekly newsletter.
- Selected for 2025 *Lux Et Veritas* Fellowship, a selective, one-year program that builds professional skills through workshops in policy, debate, and philosophy. Hands-on engagement with top practitioners and professors.

LEADERSHIP

John Quincy Adams Society Yale Chapter, *Co-Founder*, New Haven, CT **Feb 2025 - Present**

- Collaborated with graduate student to establish a chapter of the John Quincy Adams Society, a nonprofit promoting education for realism and restraint in American foreign policy.
- Managed outreach for two successful speaker events with over 200 attendees; expanding programming in the spring.

Yale Men's Rugby, *Athlete*, New Haven, CT **Aug 2023 - Present**

- Practice and play 25 hrs/wk during fall XV & spring VII seasons. 2nd Team Captain for 2024/2025 season.
- Coordinated with coach & alumni to secure the club's primary sponsors for two successive years.

Y2Y New Haven, *Treasurer*, New Haven, CT **Aug 2024 – Present**

- Led fundraising and created budget for the Y2Y New Haven chapter, a student service organization. Volunteer once per week in homeless youth shelter. Organize one donation drive per semester, collecting items for the shelter.

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- *Computer Skills:* MS Office Suite incl. Excel & PowerPoint, data visualization and analysis in R, Python, & Stata, OSINT using online tools, Adobe Suite, Canva, Filmora, WordPress
- *Language Skills:* English (native), Spanish (professional fluency)
- *Licensed Private Pilot:* Over 135 flight hours, including night flying, instruments, and high-performance endorsement
- *Certified Emergency Medical Technician:* Passed NREMT Exam to become a Nationally Registered EMT
- *Interests:* Great power competition, Global South, macroeconomy, industrial policy, aviation, news media, writing