

# Gavin Kirby Johnson

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## EDUCATION

### Columbia University: Columbia College

*Bachelor of Arts in Political Science*

New York, NY

September 2023—Expected May 2026

- GPA: 4.06

### Dartmouth College

*Transferred to Columbia University*

Hanover, NH

September 2022—June 2023

- GPA: 3.92

## EXPERIENCE

### The White House, Office of Presidential Correspondence

*Intern, 40 hours/week*

Washington, D.C.

June 2025—August 2025

- Served in the Agency Liaison Office, coordinating with agencies to address constituent concerns
- Assisted in preparing an audit report on the National Portrait Gallery, later reviewed by President Trump

### Columbia Law School: Criminal Defense Clinic

*Research Assistant, 12 hours/week*

New York, NY

June 2024—April 2025

- Investigate the negative effects of marijuana legalization
  - Analyze every marijuana legalization bill since 1996
  - Evaluate and summarize thousands of pages of legislation
- Examine individual liberty arguments against drug prohibition
- Survey literature on drug prohibition in Kentucky

### Champaign County Public Defender

*Undergraduate Legal Intern, 35 hours/week*

Urbana, IL

June 2023—August 2023

- Outlined discovery for attorney evaluation
  - Inspected 200 hours of police body camera footage
  - Cross-referenced police reports with video evidence
  - Organized victim interview videos
- Presented plea offers to clients in the Champaign County Jail
- Researched Fourth Amendment case law with law students

### Nelson A. Rockefeller Center at Dartmouth College

*Research Assistant, 12 hours/week*

Hanover, NH

February 2023—June 2023

- Created a two-hour video evaluating open dialogue at Dartmouth College
  - Interviewed thirty students about free speech
  - Documented professors' and administrators' interpretations of free speech
- Summarized the history of open dialogue on college campuses
  - Contrasted the University of Chicago and Dartmouth College neutrality policies
- Delivered findings to Dartmouth President Hanlon with recommendations for promoting dialogue

## LEADERSHIP AND EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

### Columbia Academic Freedom Council, Galileo Center at Columbia Law School

*Incoming Executive Director, 5 hours/week*

New York, NY

January 2025—Present

- Promote conservative thought and intellectual diversity at Columbia University
- Organize monthly dinners for 150 faculty members, oversee speaker coordination for events, and refine press releases for publication
- Plan an academic freedom conference in September at the Yale Club with over one-hundred guests