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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