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EDUCATION

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- University College London** | MSc International Public Policy & BA Hons History and Politics of the Americas **2019-2025**
- MSc Grade: Distinction
 - Thesis on disinformation and cyber warfare in EU states
 - Modules: case study analysis, statistical analysis, development economics, security, conflict resolution, terrorism
 - BA Hons Grade: First Class Honours
 - Thesis on legal regulation of indigenous religions in the US
 - Modules: qualitative and quantitative research, policy writing, Spanish, political thought, migration, climate change
- Latymer Upper School** | A-Level **2017-2019**
- Achieved Politics (A*), History (A), Philosophy and Ethics (A), Extended Project Qualification (A*)
 - Awarded the Politics award (2018) and EPQ award (2019) for dissertation entitled *Is There a Clear Distinction Between Anti-Semitism and Anti-Zionism?*
- Cheltenham Ladies College** | GCSE **2012-2017**
- 8 A*s and 2 As
 - Recipient of academic scholarship

EMPLOYMENT

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- Opinium - Junior Political Research Executive** **Nov. 2025 - Present**
- Deliver quantitative research projects from questionnaire design through to analysis, reporting and client insights
 - Manage multiple concurrent research projects, overseeing questionnaire consultancy, scripting, fieldwork, statistical analysis, project coordination and client deliverables
 - Analysed complex datasets using R and SPSS to identify trends and translate findings into insights
 - Co-lead delivery of Opinium's fortnightly UK voting intention poll, published in *The Observer*
 - Contribute weekly analysis and commentary to Opinium's Substack on political and public opinion trends
- Chatham House - Member, Common Futures Conversations & Policy Leadership Fellow** **Mar. 2025 - Present**
- Selected as a member of the CFC network, connecting emerging policy professionals from around the world
 - Contribute to policy discussions on global challenges, including international security and AI governance
 - Author policy articles and analysis on international affairs
 - Build relationships with policymakers, researchers and practitioners through Chatham House events and collaborative forums
 - Selected as a fellow for the QEII Academy for Leadership and the Next Generation's Policy Leadership School, participating in an intensive programme on international security, diplomacy and global policy alongside emerging global leaders
- Global Weekly - MENA Analyst and OSINT LATAM Analyst** **Jun. 2025 - Present**
- Produce geopolitical risk analysis and intelligence on the MENA region, with a focus on Syria and Israel-Palestine
 - Conduct open-source intelligence (OSINT) investigations using digital verification and SOCMINT
 - Currently co-authoring in-depth intelligence report on the Donroe Doctrine and US involvement in the 2025 Honduran election
- Chapter Zero Alliance (formerly Climate Governance Initiative) - Climate Governance Principles Intern** **Jul. 2025 - Sept. 2025**
- Researched international governance frameworks to support the revision of the Climate Governance Principles
 - Coordinated stakeholder engagement and interviews across the global Chapter Zero network
 - Contributed to the publication of the updated principles
- Growth Waves - Junior Growth Strategist** **Sept. 2023 - Sept. 2024**
- Assessed ESG strategies for clients, recommending improvements aligned with legislative changes
 - Led research initiative involving 20+ stakeholder interviews to inform strategic recommendations for a client
 - Scaled up a client's subscription plan by 320% from 6.12% to 25.9% of MMR in 10 months
 - Designed and implemented two full email set-ups (3 different flows and a new opt-in) for two clients that led to:
 - Client 1: a 97% increase in opt-ins, 47% higher order rate and 407% higher revenue per recipient in 5 months
 - Client 2: a 76.3% increase in opt-ins, 66% increase in returning customer rate and a 21% increase in 1st to 2nd order rate in 2 months

VOLUNTEERING

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- Action for Children - Independent Visitor** **Sept. 2024 - Present**
- Counselling mentee in interests through monthly visits
 - Mentoring mentee to make decisions and acting as a positive influence
 - Raising potential safeguarding concerns to charity and council
 - Key skills: cross-cultural communication, organisation, empathy, patience
- Bookmark Reading Charity - Volunteer** **May 2022 - May 2023**
- Hosted 4 x 30-minute weekly sessions with a child aged 5 - 9
 - Planned problem-solving exercises to help children to develop confidence, ability, identity and passion in reading

SKILLS

Software: Microsoft Office Suite, R, HTML, SPSS
Languages: English (native), Spanish (intermediate)
Research and analysis: Statistical analysis, qualitative interviews, survey design
Policy and international affairs: Policy writing, geopolitical risk analysis