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EDUCATION

Harvard University (*Class of 2015*)

Cambridge, MA

- A.B. in Government, Language Citation in French
- *The Harvard Crimson*, Editorial Writer on Social, Economic, and Migrant Rights Policy

University of Paris-Sorbonne (*Fall Semester 2013*)

Paris, France

- Conducted fieldwork in North African migrant community

U.S. Department of State Arabic Language Program (*Summer 2010*)

Marrakech, Morocco

- Awarded full merit scholarship to pursue intensive Arabic studies and cultural workshops in Morocco

EXPERIENCE

CompTIA

Washington, DC

Senior Manager, Public Sector Councils (January 2019-Present)

The Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA) is a leading voice and advocate for the \$1.5 trillion U.S. information technology ecosystem and the 11.5 million technology and business professionals who design and implement the technology that powers the U.S. economy. Through education, training, certifications, advocacy, philanthropy, and market research, CompTIA is the hub for advancing the tech industry and its workforce.

- Advise over 200 member companies on how to contract with governments, while communicating key state legislative matters that affect the technology business
- Represent the State, Local Government & Education (SLED) Council and the Human Services IT Advisory Group (HSITAG) Council by speaking at industry events and advocating for the Councils in front of legislative officials
- Author blog posts and research materials to advance the “technology for good” industry

US Ignite, Inc.

Washington, DC

Project Manager, Platforms for Advanced Wireless Research (June 2017 – October 2018)

Platforms for Advanced Wireless Research (PAWR) is a \$100M public-private partnership to enable US leadership in wireless networking and the commercialization of applications relying on these networks

- Designed first-of-its-kind National Science Foundation project to build 4 city-scale platforms (for testing high-speed technologies on real networks) with direct support from 28 private-sector companies in the US wireless industry
- Directed entire selection process, monitored usage of federal grant money and performed grant reporting and risk analysis for wireless and economic development projects valued over \$50M using earned value management

Roshan Telecom Development Company Afghanistan Ltd.

Kabul, Afghanistan

Manager, Corporate Strategy (June 2015 – June 2016)

Roshan Telecom is Afghanistan’s largest private investor and employer. Representing over \$600M in investment, the company has over 1,100 employees (97% of whom are Afghan) and indirectly employs over 30,000

- Led and designed research projects, business plans and financial models that enabled the company to become an internet service provider, expand its network into 50 new towns, increase data revenues, launch an incubator for SMEs, and facilitate change management
- Trained colleagues to perform high-level industry and competitor analysis, mine data, create business cases, and compile risk reports for shareholders, ministries, and board meetings

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- Oversaw entire social development department (\$6.5M of investment), organized Afghanistan's first startup weekend, facilitated public-private partnerships, and commissioned new business to deliver technology-driven health and education interventions across Afghanistan

Center for International Development at Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

Research and Administrative Assistant (February 2014 – May 2015)

CID works to advance the understanding of and offer viable solutions to problems of global poverty

- Synthesized research and produced briefs for meetings with investors and the Government of Albania.
- Performed administrative tasks involving financial reconciliation, event planning, website management, and scheduling for Director and Executive Director during summer months

Solutions Journalism Network

New York, NY

Paid Intern (Summer 2013)

The Solutions Journalism Network is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded by the *New York Times*' "Fixes" columnists to connect and train journalists to cover rigorous responses to social problems missing in today's news

- Authored resource guide commissioned by the Pulitzer Center for reporting on food security
- Produced data reports, blog posts, and training materials for webinars and conferences in collaboration with TEDCity2.0, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, and The Seattle Times