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## **EDUCATION**

## ***Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut August 2020-May 2023***

## **Masters in Global Affairs and Masters in Business Administration (Dual Degree)**

## ***Howard University, Washington, DC May 2015***

**Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Political Science**

GPA: 3.88, Phi Beta Kappa, *summa cum laude*

* Public Policy and International Affairs Fellow at Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (2014)
* African Students Association President; Studied Abroad in Morocco, Senegal, Rwanda, Ghana and South Africa

## **PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

## ***Sadie Collective, Washington, DC October 2018 – Present***

## **Co-founder/Chief Operations Officer**

Established non-profit and national coalition focused on support and promotion of black women in economics. Developed operational strategy, organizational culture and vision.

* Design and manage Sadie Collective business and financial operations, nonprofit incorporation, board development and expansion strategy
* Conceived and successfully led fundraising, marketing, and execution of inaugural and second annual conference yielding ~500 members; facilitated involvement of Federal Reserve Board Governor Lael Brainard and Chairwoman Janet Yellen
* Secured $100,000 in funding for second annual conference through successful grant writing and multiple donors
* Directed print and in-person media engagement; featured articles in Forbes, Bloomberg, The Economist, Fortune, NPR
* Youngest featured guest on Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis “Women in Economics” podcast

## ***Federal Reserve Board of Governors (Board), Washington, DC August 2018 – Present***

## **Senior Research Assistant – Division of International Finance**

*Led research assistant support of policy contributions and research duties for 6 economists responsible for observation and prediction of global financial flows.*

* Promoted in a year from Research Assistant; resulting in training and onboarding of two new hires and merit bonus
* Maintain four databases measuring estimated $4TR in global financial flows
* Conduct research and data analysis supporting paper: “Monetary Policy Reporting in Uncertain times” with economic historian, Colin Weiss resulting in publishing in renowned journal
* Create flagship analysis on daily flows, the most frequent record of daily flows to date and maintain four databases keeping section abreast on status of financial flows for monthly and quarterly policy reports to Governors
* Serve as a liaison to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Treasury and Federal Reserve Bank of NY
* Create international economic data visualizations used by Governors to determine interest rates and inflation policy
* Conduct data analyses for annual reports on U.S. Foreign Portfolio Holdings and Foreign Holdings of US Foreign Portfolio

*Diversity and Inclusion work:*

* Panelist for nationally livestreamed “Exploring Careers in Economics” aimed at increasing diversity in economics
* Presented to Chairman Jerome Powell and Governor Lael Brainard about insight and successes of curated event by me on the “Status of Black Women in the Economics Profession” yielding in 150 attendees across the Board & shared top down solutions for their implementation

## ***Echoing Green, New York, NY October 2017 – July 2018***

**Individual Fellow Support Associate**

*Facilitated access to 30-year old angel investment fund’s resources, networks and material support for 700+ entrepreneurs in the domestic and international private and non-profit sectors.*

* Cultivated relationships with professional service providers and for new fellowship funders resulting in 25% increase in fellowship support opportunities for entrepreneurs
* Systematize information about 700+ fellows and program alumni enabling ability to quantify fellowship program impact to Echoing Green Board of Directors via Salesforce (data management tool) implementation

## ***African Leadership Academy, Honeydew, ZA August 2015 – May 2017***

**Fellow Relations Associate**

*Promoted mission of successful international development at school focused on African studies, entrepreneurship, leadership, and economics. Responsible for fellowship engagement with Anzisha entrepreneurship accelerator in South Africa.*

* Created and implemented documentation process and improvement plan for four key fellow support programs/activities
* Increased engagement with program by leading entrepreneurial ideation workshops over 3-4 days across 6 African countries (Madagascar, Mali, Senegal, Sudan, Uganda, Tunisia), social media campaigns and creating content for magazines
* Analyzed data and shared programmatic assessments of Anzisha fellowship participants with internal stakeholders and key donor, the MasterCard Foundation via sophisticated data dashboards; effectively communicated program successes
* Supported 35 % increase in Anzisha Fellow engagement through creation of community platforms, social media campaigns, articles, and distribution of monthly newsletter and creative annual magazine to over 2,000 stakeholders

## **LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC SERVICE**

## ***Howard University African Students’ Association, Washington, DC May 2014 – May 2015***

## **President**

## Managed, oversaw and maximized annual budget of $20,000 for flagship cultural showcases for 700+ guests

* Led diverse executive management board of 10 towards reviving African Students’ Association on campus and to strategically exceed organizational objectives and goals for meaningful social engagement of participants
* Developed & managed HUASA Mentorship & Scholarship Program with the African Immigrant Refugee Foundation
* Implemented creative marketing strategies such as ambassador’s initiative expanding organization presence by 300%

## ***U.S. Department of State, Bureau of African Affairs, Washington, DC September 2014 – December 2014***

**Intern**

* Integrated Bureau into local community by providing staff with weekly updates around African-centered events nearby
* Increased interdepartmental transparency through serving as a liaison between our bureau and other DoS bureaus
* Drafted and edited informative memos for the Assistant Secretary of State for Africa
* Managed logistics for Public Affairs Officer Conference with up to 60 guests, schedule consultations between officers and directors, assist with management of International Visitor Leaders Program

## ***Howard University College of Arts and Sciences Student Council, Washington, DC May 2012 – May 2014***

## **International Exchange Coordinator**

* Designed prototype for the Young Africana Leaderships Initiative (yaali.co) at Howard University resulting in 67% of students studying abroad for the first time
* Fundraised and created proposals for participants which culminated in at least $75,000 raised for students’ trips’

## **EDUCATION AND AWARDS**

## World Economic Forum Young Global Shaper ***November 2019 – Present***

Selected as a thought leader for youth between ages 20-29 to drive dialogue action and change globally

## NYU-Schmidt Futures traineeship awardee ***August 2019 – Present***

Selected of 15 Research Assistants across the United States to learn software engineering techniques for economic analysis, and provided merit award celebrating contributions as a research assistant at U.S. Central Bank

## ***Howard University, Washington, DC May 2015***

**Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Political Science**

GPA: 3.88, Phi Beta Kappa, Deans’ Honor Roll, *summa cum laude*

Public Policy and International Affairs Program at Woodrow Wilson School for Public and International Affairs (2014); Studied abroad in Morocco (2013, four months), Senegal (2013, one month), Ghana (2012, 2013, one week each time), Rwanda (2015, one week), South Africa (2015, one month); Awarded Lucy Moten fellowship, a national competition for supplementing study abroad costs

* Four year scholarships: Howard University Legacy Scholarship Recipient, *(merit based scholarship),* Harlem YMCA’s Black Achiever’s in Industry four year scholarship, Thurgood Marshall College Fund Scholarship for HBCU students
* Selected for merit and leadership based scholarship by Alpha Kappa Alpha, Tau Omega chapter for young Black women in Harlem from public schools
* Selected from nationwide competition of leaders and high performing students from across the United States as *“Who’s Who Among Students at Colleges and Universities”* (2014)
* Selected as Research Fellow at UCLA- HBCU Initiative culminating in research and visit to South Africa (2015)
* Howard University Economics Alumni Association Most Outstanding Senior Award (2015)
* Professional Affiliations: Omicron Delta Epsilon *(Economics Honors’ Society),* Pi Sigma Alpha *(Political Science Honors Society)*, Howard University’s College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program (2011-2015)

## ***Michigan State University, Lansing, Michigan June 2017 – August 2017***

**Research Scholar - American Economic Association Summer Program**

*Successful participant in advanced track of 8-week intensive program designed to increase minorities in economics.*

* Conduct original research via statistical modeling project with co-author on women in parliament and relationship with livelihood indicators across 168 countries via Stata and LaTeX; determined results via statistical significance testing
* Excelled in Masters’/PhD Level coursework in Mathematical Methods, Microeconomics, Econometrics and Research

## **PERSONAL BACKGROUND & OTHER ACTIVITIES**

* Runner: Regular 5 and 10Ks, Connoisseur of Malian cuisine, Traveler: have been to 22 countries, 13 throughout Africa (some for work with the Anzisha Prize, and other visits for leisure purposes)
* In addition to working at the Anzisha Prize at African Leadership Academy: Organized and composed lectures for International Relations Club and coached students on public speaking. Led cohort to Georgetown Model United Nations in Qatar (3 days), resulting in 75% of students winning awards. Opted to serve as hall mistress for Athena Hall, cultivating sisterhood amongst 22 young women and main point of contact for students’ needs on campus
* Served on panels on behalf of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors (2019, twice), Public Policy and International Affairs Public Expo (2019), and American Economic Association Summer Program
* Regular evaluator for Nelson Mandela Washington Fellowship and Echoing Green Fellows selection process (2017, 2018, 2019)
* Two summers intern for Assemblyman Herman D. Farrell in District 17 – for Harlem and Washington Heights

**OTHER ACTIVITIES** WAKE Academy, Boarding School in Guinea, Board Member; World Economic Forum Global Shaper; Consultant for Center DC (CRM implementation) and MANUP (advising on logic model and theory of change)

**SKILLS** *Data Management:* SQL, Stata, Bloomberg, LaTeX, R, Python, *CRM:* CVENT, Salesforce

*General:* Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop, Trello, Slack, Fluent in French & Mandinka