

ERICA DOBIN

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American Citizen on UK Tier 4 General Student Visa

EDUCATION

London School of Economics; London, UK. *Expected graduation in December 2010.*

MSc, History of Nationalism (Joint program in Government and International History departments)

- Coursework: Political Islam; Problems and Theories of Nationalism; International Politics of Culture and Religion.
- Research interests: history and politics of the modern Middle East, Islamist political thought and philosophy, tribalism as nationalism.

New York University; New York, NY. *Graduated with Honors in May 2009*

Dean's List 2008 and 2009 • Founders Day Award Winner • University Honors Scholar

Majors: Politics, Photography and Imaging

Minors: Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, Judaic/Israel Studies

Study Abroad: NYU in Havana, Cuba (2008), University of Haifa, Israel (2007), NYU in Prague, Czech Republic (2006)

Pine Crest School, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. *High School Degree, June 2005.*

National Merit Commended Scholar • AP Scholar with Distinction

EXPERIENCE

Quilliam Foundation. London, UK. (June 2010- present)

Research Assistant. I am responsible for helping with research and editing at the first anti-extremism think-tank.

City Council Office of Councilman Bill de Blasio. New York, NY. (January 2009 – May 2009)

Legislative Assistant. I was responsible for conducting research and composing legislation for Councilman Bill de Blasio to use in City Council sessions. I also composed and proofread press releases and public notices.

United Nations Office of Bnai Brith International. New York, NY. (September 2008 – May 2009)

Intern. I attended United Nations meetings and events on behalf of the multinational NGO with accredited status at the United Nations. I conducted research and created country reports for use in meetings with UN member-nations and for policy newsletters and conferences. I was responsible for helping to plan the large membership conference at the United Nations and helped to make sure that the conference ran smoothly. My job required me to be well versed in Middle Eastern history and current events and to be able to formulate articulate arguments in a polite and respectful manner.

The Cordoba Initiative. New York, NY. (Summer 2008)

Intern. This nonprofit organization, a partner of the American Society for Muslim Advancement, was created to combat religious extremism in the Muslim world and xenophobia in the West. As the only intern, I was responsible for designing and writing website content and expanding the organization's social networking presence through emailing and media. My job required me to find creative and culturally respectful ways to share the organization's message.

Prudential Douglas Elliman, Office of Faith Hope Consolo. New York, NY. (Summer 2008)

Intern. I worked directly for Faith Hope Consolo, Chair of the Retail Leasing & Sales Division in connection with publication of renowned quarterly retail report. I was responsible for canvassing Manhattan neighborhoods; updating vacancy listings and neighborhood maps. I had to continually update several existing databases and keep them organized and up to date with new data almost every

day. I wrote several reports on changes in various Manhattan neighborhoods and the possible effect on retail real estate pricing.

Bronfman Center at NYU Avodah Art Gallery. New York, NY. (September 2007 – December 2008)
Gallery Assistant. I was responsible for helping to curate, hang, and promote four gallery shows a year, including the well-received Jewish/Muslim collaborative project. I created and worked from listings for several magazines and websites to publicize the shows while also keeping records of budget expenditures.

William Alexander Middle School. Brooklyn, NY. (December 2007 – December 2008)
Assistant photography teacher (volunteer). I was an assistant teacher for two sixth grade classes of thirty students each. I created and taught two lesson plans a semester based on tolerance, using photography and collage.

Billboard Magazine. Los Angeles, California. (Summer 2004)
Intern. I contributed photographs, reviews, and chart information for Billboard Magazine and Billboard.com. I wrote one full article on the status of women in music, focusing on the Maybelline tour, which appeared on Billboard.com.

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SKILLS

Exhibition committee head for the 2010 academic conference held by the Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN) • LSE History of Nationalism Student Representative for the Masters Staff-Student Liaison Committee 2009-2010 • Interfaith officer of LSE Jewish Students Society • Coordinator of 2009 NYU alternative spring break volunteer program • Participant/documentary chair of the NYU Hillel's 2007 interfaith Muslim/Jewish alternative spring break volunteer trip to post-Hurricane Katrina New Orleans • Tisch School of the Arts freshman mentor and NYU Bronfman Center for Jewish Student Life welcome week leader • Trained as a trapeze instructor at the New York Trapeze School • NYU Hillel Leadership Award 2007 and 2008 • Extremely familiar with digital photography and film (both SLR and medium format cameras)

Languages: B2 Level (on CEFR scale) for spoken Spanish, some Hebrew and Modern Standard Arabic
Computers: Windows and Macintosh, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Dreamweaver, basic HTML

References:

Professional:

Oren Drori, Program Officer at the United Nations office of Bnai Brith International: odrori@bnaibrith.org

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Academic:

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