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EDUCATION

The University of Chicago (Harris School of Public Policy)	Chicago, Illinois
Master of Public Policy Candidate	
Pearson Fellow @ The Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts	Expected 2025
African Leadership University	Kigali, Rwanda
Bachelor of Arts in Global Challenges with Honors	February 2021

EXPERIENCE

Brookings Institution (Global Economy and Development, Center for Universal Education)	Washington, DC
<i>Research Assistant (intern)</i>	Jun 2024 – August 2024

- Wrote a comparative analysis on initiatives and organizations working to curb the global education crisis
- Researched global organizations working on financing and costing education globally and created a comprehensive report on their initiatives and impacts across the education landscape.

The University of Chicago- MiiE Lab (Messages, Inclusion, Identities in Education)	Chicago, IL
<i>Research Assistant</i>	Jan 2024 – Present

- Analyzing post-tenure evaluations of Texas education superintendents, exploring the relationship between their performance assessments, media representation, and the influence of racial factors

Co-Creation Hub	Kigali, Rwanda
<i>Research Assistant</i>	February – July 2023

- Conducted research on Edtech organizations in Sub-Saharan Africa, focusing on Nigeria and Kenya for Co-Creation Hub's EdTech Fellowship Program. It seeks to support 72 education technology startups across Africa within the next three years
- Produced a comprehensive report addressing the digital threats faced by civil society organizations dedicated to advancing social justice in East and West Africa. The report includes actionable recommendations by activists and journalists for overcoming these challenges.

Journal of African Challenges	Kigali, Rwanda
<i>Editor-In-Chief</i>	January 2022 – Sep 2023

- Worked with the publication team and editorial advisors to correspond with writers and edit journal publications
- Set outline for each issue and review contents to manage publication standards
- Edited all journal articles, provided feedback to authors, and ensured the journal's ethical standards.

Bridge2Rwanda (Isomo Academy)	Nyamata, Rwanda
<i>Teaching Fellow</i>	August 2021 - September 2021

- Directly mentored and academically supported 12 students to create and foster an environment of community and learning through English language development, college prep, critical thinking, and servant leadership
- Successfully worked in a team of 20 to facilitate and lead discussion sessions and language workshops for 120 students from different high schools in Rwanda.

Petra Resources	Monrovia, Liberia
<i>Research Intern</i>	May 2019 - August 2019

- Successfully did a stakeholder assessment on 10 Liberian government agencies on their climate change management capacity
- Successfully co-authored a national climate change capacity-building action plan through a consultancy from UNDP-Liberia.

SKILLS

- Qualitative Research
- Design Thinking
- Teamwork
- R programming

March 2016 - September 2017