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EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Department of History Chicago, IL
PhD, History Present

- Proposed Project: “Powering Afro-Asian Solidarity: an energy history of postcolonial development”.

Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs New York City, NY
MA, International Affairs 2025

- Concentration in Climate, Energy, Environment; regional specialization in Africa.

Sciences Po, Paris School of International Affairs Paris, France
MA, International Energy Transitions 2024

- Concentration in Global Economy.

University of Oxford, Trinity College Oxford, UK
BA, *First-Class Honours*, History & Politics 2021

- Ranked first across university cohort. History thesis: “Homes for all of you soon” – *entangled histories of development, (re)settlement and order in Singapore, 1950-1975*. Advisor: Dr. Hannah Theaker.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Columbia University New York City
Teaching Assistant, Columbia Climate School Jan 2025 – May 2025

- ‘History of the Climate Crisis’ graduate lecture course, taught by Prof. Leah Aronowsky.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Columbia University New York City
Research Assistant, Columbia Climate School Jan 2025 – May 2025

- ‘Procedural obstruction as political strategy in international climate negotiations’, PI: Dr. Ian P. Grey.
Worked with LLMs, annotation of textual corpus of climate negotiations.

Secretariat of Climate, Energy and Environment, Brazil New York City
SIPA Capstone Workshop Consultancy Nov 2024 – May 2025

- Served on graduate student consultants to produce report on “COP 30: Opportunities and Risks for Climate Change Dialogue” for the Brazilian government.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Singapore Armed Forces, Manpower Administration Oct 2021 – Apr 2023

Central Narcotics Bureau (Singapore), Policy Intern Jun 2020 – Aug 2020

Ministry of Defense (Singapore), Research Intern Jul 2019 – Sep 2019

News for Kids / National Heritage Board, Writer (Contract) Apr 2018 – Jul 2019

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

Overseas Postgraduate Scholarship Singapore Management University	Aug 2025
Gibbs Prize (Politics) Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford	Jul 2021
Douglas Sladen Prize Trinity College, University of Oxford	May 2021
Ford Scholarship Trinity College, University of Oxford	Nov 2020
Douglas Sladen Prize Trinity College, University of Oxford	May 2020
Margaret Howard Prize Trinity College, University of Oxford	Apr 2020
Gibbs Prize (Politics) Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford	Jul 2019

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Sepher Vakil et al, 'Revolutionary Engineers: Learning, Politics and Activism at Aryamehr University of Technology', *H-SciMedTech* (forthcoming, Q4 2025)

Review of John MacNeill Miller, 'The Ecological Plot: How Stories Gave Rise to a Science', *H-Environment* (Jun 2025)

Review of Cherian George and Donald Low, 'PAP v. PAP: The Party's Struggle to Adapt to a Changing Singapore', *New Mandala* (Dec 2020)

GENERAL AUDIENCE PUBLICATIONS

'Energy in Southeast Asia: A Bibliography', *Serangoon Energy blog* (Aug 2024)

'Editorial Introduction', *Sciences Po Energy Review* (Jul 2024)

'What's in a name? Understanding the "Global City" through Global Justice', *Trinity College* (Jun 2021)

Overcoming Empire's Seduction: Decolonizing International Relations, *E-International Relations* (Jun 2020)

The 'dim afterglow' of imperialism – Postcolonialism and the UN in the 20th century, *Oxford University History Society Journal* (Jun 2020)

Introductory Editorial, 'On Resistance', *Broad Street Humanities Review* (Feb 2020)

EXTRACURRICULAR SERVICE

Convener , Craft of Non-Fiction (graduate reading group)	Jun 2025 – Aug 2025
Commissioning Editor , E-International Relations	Dec 2023 – May 2025
Founding Editor , Sciences Po Energy Review (graduate journal),	Oct 2023 – May 2025
Founding Chairperson , Broad Street Humanities Review (undergrad journal)	Sept 2019 – Jun 2020

MEMBERSHIPS

Member (Energy History), Consortium for History of Science, Technology and Medicine

LANGUAGES

English (Native), Singlish (Native), Mandarin Chinese (Mother Tongue), French (Read, Write, Speak), Indonesian (Read, Speak), Spanish (Read),