

RACHEL HOBBS

PROFILE

I am a young professional in economics with a special interest in open economy macroeconomics, international finance, and financial development. I have a Master's degree in Public Policy from George Mason University in the Washington DC area, and a Bachelor's degree from the University of California Berkeley. I have a cumulative two years of work experience with think tanks and international nonprofit organizations analyzing socioeconomic issues in the US, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East.

EDUCATION AND RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Master in Public Policy, George Mason University, 2022 | GPA: 3.97

- **Relevant coursework:** Macroeconomics taught by former Senior International Economist at US International Trade Commission Kenneth Reinert, Microeconomics taught by Prof. Anh Pham, Financial Policy taught by Prof. Sita Slavov, Venture Capital and Innovation taught by Managing Partner at NGP Capital Paul Asel, Introduction to Energy Economics and Law taught by former Director at US Department of Energy Paul Bubbosh, Organizational Culture and Behavior, Advanced Statistical Methods for Policy and Government

B.A. Applied Mathematics, University of California, Berkeley, 2019

- **Relevant coursework:** Introduction to Economics taught by Prof. Enrico Moretti, Wealth and Poverty taught by former Secretary of Labor Robert Reich, Linear Algebra, Differential Equations, Multivariable Calculus, Abstract Algebra, Real Analysis, Complex Analysis, Optimization, Signal Processing, Probability, Statistics, Numerical Analysis

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Fellow, New America Foundation | July – September 2021

Fellow with the Resource Security Program to integrate climate change into international economics models used by State Department and USAID policymakers.

- Co-authored a literature review on Kenyan food security and agriculture, climate change, financial technology, and bilateral trade between the US and Kenya
- Briefed former Assistant Secretary of Defense Sharon Burke and other project supervisors weekly on research findings
- Conducted analytical testing of policy problem use case, including data collection and interviews with government officials and subject matter experts
- Co-authored memo on summary of findings for the National Security Council

Co-Policy Lead and Manager of the State Advocacy Lead Program, STAND | April – September 2021

Global policy analyst and program manager at an international nonprofit organization.

- Conducted background research on economic and social policy issues in Myanmar, East Turkistan (Xinjiang, China), the US, and Yemen
- Authored and edited white papers
- Monitored the daily output of program deliverables

Global Policy & Outreach Associate, Search for Common Ground | Dec 2019 – March 2021

Associate-level analyst and program manager for an 800-person international nonprofit that facilitates economic development and conflict resolution.

- Drafted and edited concept notes, policy briefs and white papers, grant proposals, quarterly reports to donors, and terms of reference agreements for internal and external partnerships
- Focal point for external consultants, including supporting an economic analysis of African data in French
- Designed and coordinated events including virtual, in-person, and with live interpretation
- Ensured team was compliant with donor and internal policies
- Hired for the policy and program development internships and policy fellowship program
- Regularly communicated cross-culturally on a global-oriented team with colleagues in Nigeria, Myanmar, Central Africa, Cameroon, South Sudan, and Mali

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Dean's Fellow (2020) with the Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University.

Faculty Scholarship (2019) from the Carter School of Peace and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University.

Irma Risty Engineering Scholarship (2015) for demonstrated excellence in math.