

Amelia Stastney

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EDUCATION

LA FOLLETTE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – MADISON

Master's Degree in International Public Affairs (Accelerated Program)

September 2019 – May 2020

- **Relevant Coursework:** Germanic Studies 947: Exiles, Migrants, and Refugees: Texts and Context, Public Affairs 818: Microeconomic Policy Analysis, Asian Cultures 600: Human Rights in Asia

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – MADISON

Bachelor's Degree in International Studies

September 2016 – May 2019

- GPA: 3.7
- Ichiro and Toyoko Matsudira Memorial Fund Scholar

EXPERIENCE

CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES | Madison, WI

Intern, February 2019–Present

- Acted as a liaison between classes/professors and speakers brought to campus
- Promoted events through local news sources; developed those relationships

Grant Recipient, Jan 2017 – March 2018

- Composed, applied and received a grant from the Center of the Humanities
- Sought out and curated relationships with a community partner and other adjunct organizations
- Produced and led programming for local public schools that taught classes on feminism
- Facilitated relationships between young men and women and local, female role models

JAPAN- AMERICA STUDENT CONFERENCE | Kochi, Kyoto, Gifu, Tokyo - Japan

American Delegate, February 2019 – August 2019

- Consulted with the prefecture of Kochi and Gifu on problems concerning tourism and a growing multicultural presence in their cities / prefectures
- Proposed solutions to Shirakawa-go (a UNESCO world heritage site) surrounding how to maintain cultural heritage in a technology-based society
- Presented a policy proposal to members of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, international business, the UN, etc., regarding Japanese refugee policy reform

UW HEALTH | Madison, WI

Resource Navigator (Social Worker), September 2018 – May 2019

- Managed 15-20 patients at a time, most of which were non-English speakers (undocumented immigrants, refugees, or recent immigrants)
- Introduced and explained local and national government programs to a relatively new member of society
- Served as a mediator and guide between American culture and culture of the patient
- Sought out programs that fit the need of each individual patient

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Computer Software: intermediate in Stata; advanced in Excel, Word, Photoshop
- Intermediate in French

I was a freshman, living in Witte Dormitory, when Donald Trump was elected president. I remember watching in awe and disgust as some members of my floor cheered while others cried. When I learned that Trump won Wisconsin, I set out to make sure that it would not happen again. That December, my roommate Danielle Sklarew and I wrote, applied and received a grant from UW-Madison to teach after school classes on feminism to local middle schoolers. My hope is and was that educated young men and women would never vote against their own self-interests. Every week, I would bring in female role models from the Madison community and they would talk about themselves and what they do. (We did weekly themes like Women in Science, Women in Journalism, etc.)

We rolled out this program at Black Hawk Middle School, a school where over one third of the students are speaking English as a second language. It was here where I realized my true passion – helping Immigrants and Refugees. The following year, I worked as a resource navigator (social worker) at Wingra and North East clinics in Madison. This job was created as an answer to the question: why can't a doctor prescribe food for an empty belly, a house to live in or heat in the winter? Doctors were noticing that patients would come in with a sickness that was not medical in nature and was, instead, caused by not having enough to eat or living on the street. This past year, I worked specifically with 15 non-English speaking patients at a time, helping them apply for food stamps, access job training and affordable housing and navigate infinite other social welfare programs.

It was during my time as a resource navigator that I became passionate about helping refugees. I had always known that I wanted to “do good,” but I felt through helping these recent immigrants and refugees that I had found my calling. I have since left my job as a resource navigator and am in grad school for International Public Affairs. I am focused on helping refugees and migrants on a national and international scale

I hope to serve the City of Madison as a citizen of Madison. In wake of recent events on campus, I want to make University of Wisconsin and the City of Madison a more inclusive place.

Specifically, I want to accomplish the following

- Having campaigned for Avra, I would like to continue fighting for the issues that she championed: housing justice, sustainability, public safety, transit, and (of course) inclusion.
- As a resource navigator for (primarily) undocumented immigrants, I saw how detrimental mandatory-ID rules were at food pantries. (*All* food pantries in Madison mandate that the recipient must show ID in order to receive aid.) These rules serve no purpose and are likely the result of ignorance rather than intentional malice and discrimination. I would like to use my status as an alderman to encourage food pantries to move away from this practice and to put together (and publish) a list of pantries that will not ask for a form of ID. Instead, pantries may choose to look at a phone bill, tax statement or utility bill to prove that the individual lives in a certain district.
- I want to be a champion for students in my district and all undocumented immigrants and refugees in Madison (two distinct but vulnerable sections of the greater-Madison population.)

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- Whether the applicant plans to run for alderperson in the Spring 2020 special election: No, I will not be running for election this April.

Thank you for the opportunity and very,very good wishes,

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