

BASSEL EL MRAWED

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EDUCATION

- 08/2020 – Current** **University of Minnesota** Minneapolis
- Fulbright Association Excellence Scholarship Grantee
 - Master of Human Rights candidate
 - Concentration in NGO Management and LGBTQ+ Rights
 - Minor in Population Studies concentrating in Migration Demographics
- 09/2015 – 06/2019** **American University of Beirut** Beirut, Lebanon
- Bachelor of Arts in Political Studies
 - Minor in Gender Studies
 - Dean's Honor List, graduated with distinctions (**GPA of 3.86**)
- 08/2017 – 08/2018** **Erasmus+ Exchange Program** Denmark and Germany
- Sharpened multicultural experience by spending an academic year in Europe
 - Winter Semester 2017/2018: Aarhus University, Denmark
 - Spring Semester 2018: Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 08/2020 – Current** **Researcher – United Nations OHCHR/University of Minnesota** Minneapolis
- Interviewing 10 protection networks and human rights defenders
 - Transcribing more than 8 interviews in both English and Spanish
 - Translating interviews from Spanish to English
 - Conducting content analysis on the interviews
 - Drafting investigative report to be submitted to the UN
- 05/2021 – 08/21** **Policy & Political Affairs Intern – Human Rights Campaign** Washington DC
- Researching LGBTQ+ topics in Southern states
 - Community outreach and organizing across various states to recruit more members
 - Event planning and co-chairing for various webinars and trainings in Alabama and Texas
 - Aided webinars panels on trans rights and LGBTQ+ telehealth accessibility in Mississippi
- 03/2019 – 08/2020** **Campaigning and Research Volunteer – Amnesty International** Beirut, Lebanon
- Conducted 4 testimonial interviews with witnesses of police brutality at Lebanese protests
 - Conducted more than 6 interviews with Syrian and Palestinian victims of refugee discrimination for investigative project
 - Collaborated in campaigning for advocacy projects on freedom of speech and migrant rights
 - Drafted more than 4 research memos for research projects on refugee and migrant rights
 - Managed background research for more than 35 reports, press releases, and campaigns
 - Contacted embassies, ministerial, governmental, and diplomatic offices
- 12/2018 – 03/2019** **Project Intern – ALEF (Act for Human Rights)** Hazmieh, Lebanon
- Assisted in online research for a Migrant Domestic Worker Protection Framework
 - Drafted presentations to present findings to different stakeholders
 - Organized events and documentary screenings at university settings

SKILLS

LANGUAGES: Fluent in English, Spanish, and Arabic, beginner in French, German, and Turkish

SOFT SKILLS: Public speaking, Presentation, Research, Interviewing, Campaigning

TECHNICAL: Microsoft Office, Blogs (Wordpress), Stata, Social Media

EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

09/2020 – Current

Leadership at Gender, Sex, and Policy Event Committee – UMN Minneapolis, USA

- Liaising with different university groups to collaborate on projects
- Managing campaigns to raise awareness about student services
- Structuring outlines for workshops on campus sexual harassment and assault

06/2017 – 08/2020

Organizing Member - Venezuelan Community in Lebanon

- Campaigned and raised public awareness and mobilization about issues in Venezuela
- Aided in organization of Marathon for Peace for Venezuela in 2017

10/2016 – 08/2017

Member of Title IX Action Committee - AUB Beirut, Lebanon

- Planned the logistics for workshops about discrimination and harassment
- Structured and managed the information booth on harassment on campus

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2022

APPAM Equity and Inclusion Fellowship Austin, Texas

- Awarded for promoting equity and inclusion within public policy and management

2021

Minnesota International NGO Network Fellowship Minneapolis, USA

- Awarded to provide professional enrichment that links local and international organizations

2020

Fulbright Association Excellence Scholarship Grantee Minneapolis, USA

- Granted the Excellence Scholarship for Graduate Studies to further research in human rights