

# JONATHAN JOHNSON

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## EDUCATION

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### **University of Chicago — Chicago, Illinois (60615)**

*Master of Arts in Social Sciences (Anthropology), 2022*

GPA 3.93/4.0

Activities: Youth Activism Project Board Member, Coach, and Communications Director

### **University of Wisconsin-Madison — Madison, Wisconsin (53706)**

*Southeast Asian Summer Studies Institute, Summer 2019 & 2020*

GPA 4.0/4.0, Khmer Language Study

Languages: English (Native); French (Intermediate); Khmer (Low-Intermediate); Malay (Novice)

### **University of Rochester — Rochester, New York (14627)**

*Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Anthropology, May 2014*

GPA 3.91/4.0, Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude, Highest Distinction in Anthropology

Activities: Anthropology and Political Science Teaching Assistant, Mock Trial, Building Manager (Student Union), Residential Advisor and Community Advisor, President of Men's Volleyball, Tour Guide, Leadership Coach, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Summer Teacher & Tutor

### **Carnegie Mellon University, Heinz College of Public Policy — Pittsburgh, PA (15289)**

*Public Policy and International Affairs Fellowship, Junior Summer Institute, Summer 2013*

GPA 4.0/4.0, Rigorous 7-week program focusing on policy analysis, economics, statistics, and international affairs

## INTERNATIONAL & ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### **U.S. State Department — Jakarta, Indonesia (Remote, VSFS)**

*Human Rights Research Assistant, Political Division, Jakarta Embassy, September 2020 – October 2020*

- Identified and reported on burgeoning human rights issues in Indonesia related to climate change, youth, & business & human rights
- Drafted research guides to interview international experts and local activists on issues of religious freedom and human rights
- Supported research and writing for the 2020 and 2021 human rights reports

### **University of Chicago — Chicago, Illinois**

*Graduate Researcher, Cambodian Migration and Development, February 2020 – Present*

- Spearhead secondary data collection, primary analysis, and collaborations resulting in two publishable paper drafts / concepts
- Analyze migrant surveys, rural & urban focus groups, and microfinance literature to inform new wave of fieldwork in 2021
- Conduct literature reviews and perform qualitative and quantitative analysis on climate change, rural livelihoods, and migration
- Manage and collaborate with three other research assistants for coding, cleaning, and analyzing qualitative & quantitative data
- Draft summaries, abstracts, and papers on migration, climate change, development, and generational change

### **Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research (GQR) — Washington, District of Columbia**

*Assistant Analyst, April 2016 – December 2016*

*Project Associate, June 2015 – April 2016*

*Domestic & International Intern, January 2015 – June 2015*

- Created citizen-centered education & health policies by leading a 4-person team in charge of a \$300,000 research program in Africa
- Designed and analyzed 60 focus groups, 100+ surveys, 30 in-depth interviews, and public opinion data in 15+ countries
- Supported proposals for corporate and political polling projects, helping secure meetings with the Malaysian opposition party
- Managed vendors and contractors, with all projects coming under budget and adhering to methodological protocol
- Crafted deliverables, speeches, memos, and presentations for top-level government officials and successful political campaigns
- Analyzed public opinion research related to human rights, political strategy, and development in 20+ countries

### **University of Rochester — Rochester, New York**

*Anthropology Editorial Assistant, November 2014 – May 2015*

- Reviewed articles on law, reconciliation, and transitional justice submitted to the “Journal of Law and Society” and edited volumes
- Edited, proofread, and reviewed a publication, “Remediation in Rwanda,” for the University of Pennsylvania Press

### **University of Rochester — Rochester, New York**

*Political Science Research Assistant, June 2011 – September 2012*

- Co-designed a “Counterinsurgency and Terrorism” course, researching U.S. foreign policy and terrorist organizations
- Coded data in statistical databases to analyze the Indian government’s commitment to education for minority groups
- Produced literature reviews, using library, online and academic sources, on India’s government and ethnic conflicts
- Proofread, edited, and analyzed articles on international migration, ethnic conflict, and the Sikh insurrection

## **PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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### **Shapiro + Raj Research— Chicago, Illinois**

*Manager, October 2020 – May 2021*

- Led research projects and generated insights for pharmaceutical clients on products, marketing, customer insights, and messaging
- Managed 3 junior researchers and restructured onboarding to streamline project support during remote work
- Conducted, designed, and managed 100+ global interviews and surveys with doctors, patients, and relevant parties
- Researched, brainstormed, and implemented new digital and ethnographic research methodologies, such as Invoke

### **University of Chicago — Chicago, Illinois**

*Research Assistant, The Center for Effective Governance, August 2019 – April 2020*

- Created dozens of fact sheets, one-pagers, and talking points on education, criminal justice, & healthcare policies for state candidates
- Advised state government officials on adapting bipartisan legislation to specific state policy, legal, and political realities

### **The Glover Park Group (GPG) — Washington, District of Columbia**

*Associate Director — March 2019 – June 2019*

*Senior Associate — November 2017 – March 2019*

- Designed a first-of-its-kind training program and manual on research methodology, survey administration, and quality control measures for complex national and C-suite level projects; Managed 2-3 junior staff for qualitative & quantitative research projects
- Innovated two new client-facing and internal research offerings, including an ethnographic methodology and predictive markets
- Moderated focus groups, expert in-depth interviews, e-mediated research forums, and triads for 10+ advocacy projects
- Analyzed and designed 50+ surveys, qualitative questionnaires, and other research materials to craft communications strategies
- Wrote research proposals and memos for Fortune 500 companies, advocacy organizations, and non-profits
- Presented to high-profile tech, telecommunications, and healthcare clients on research findings and strategic implications

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

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### **Boren Fellowship, National Security Education Program, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 2020-2022 (Postponed)**

- Intensive in-country language study of Khmer for 1 year alongside research on skip generation households .

### **Fulbright Fellowship, Malaysian Commission on Educational Exchange, Taiping, Perak, Malaysia, 2019**

- Created and led innovative speech, essay writing, and professional development workshops for one of Matang's lowest tier high schools resulting in the school's first-ever national Sunway essay finalist and 3 finalists for a \$30,000 U.S. Embassy Scholarship
- Improved English scores for 300 rural students by facilitating daily English lessons and weekly cultural immersion programs

### **Humanity In Action Fellowship, Berlin, Germany, 2014**

- Researched human rights law and public policy, focusing on German nationalism, Turkish migration, and the European Union
- Review grant applicants annually and help track alignment with standard impact measures

### **Urban Fellowship, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY, 2012**

- Researched and presented on the effects of the city's policies on youth and sustainable community engagement
- Studied urban disparities through intensive seminars on the history, politics, and sociology of urban landscapes
- Implemented four health and wellness development programs for 100 inner-city youth over 8 weeks

## **HONORS**

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- 2020. *Maroon Scholar Research Award (\$30,000) & Dean's Scholarship (\$6,000)* at the University of Chicago
- 2019. *SEASSI Scholar (Full tuition and stipend)* for promising Southeast Asia researchers to study Southeast Asian languages
- 2016. *Peace Corps Recipient (Declined for Fulbright)*
- 2014. *Helen S. Jones Award* for demonstrating significant achievement in anthropology/political science
- 2014. *Ayman Amin-Salem Prize* for a member of the senior class who best evidences good character and citizenship
- 2014. *Continuing Undergraduate Student Award (\$2000)* recognizing outstanding achievement of current students
- 2014. *Citation for Achievement in College Leadership*
- 2013. *Award for Campus Contributions* for a student that made significant contributions to the University, including campus life, academics, leadership, & service, and demonstrated excellence in all aspects of their college experience
- 2012. *AmeriCorps Grant Recipient* for 300 hours of community service within 3 months
- 2010-2014. *Wilder Trustee Scholarship (\$60,000)* recognizing academic excellence, extracurricular achievement, and leadership.

## **SELECT PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2021. *Home and Away: Drivers and Perceptions of Migration Among Urban Migrants and their Rural Families in the Lower Mekong River Basin of Cambodia* (with Sabina Shaikh and Alan Kolata). Planned for submission at the Journal of Rural Studies.
- 2020. *Becoming Cambodian: Sociopolitical Understandings of Intergenerational Trauma, Dissonance, and Identity*. Southeast Asian Program Graduate Conference. Cornell University.
- 2015. *"Iraq's Road to Reconciliation."* *The National Democratic Institute*.