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EDUCATION

Stanford University Stanford, CA
M.A. International Comparative Education 2024-2025
Awarded Fellow from Lemann Center

Stanford University Stanford, CA
M.A. Latin American Studies 2023-2024
Awarded Fellow from Center for Latin American Studies

Saint Louis University St. Louis, MO
B.A. in International Studies and B.A. in Spanish 2019-2023
Phi Beta Kappa, Summa Cum Laude, 4-year full tuition Chess and Academic Scholarship

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Professional Intern, United Nations ECLAC Washington, D.C.
Advisor: Daniel Perrotti Summer 2024
Official Report: Artificial Intelligence: General Considerations and Economic Implications for Latin America and the Caribbean/ The Work-Life Balance in the U.S.

- Conducting in-depth independent research on the economic and societal implications of Artificial Intelligence for Latin America and the Caribbean for the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as well as the work-life balance in the U.S.
- Performing an extensive literature review of 105 articles and reports to inform the official report
- Participating in 10 local and international conferences to stay updated on relevant developments

Master's Directed Research, Stanford University Stanford, CA
Advisor: Ramón Antonio Martínez Autumn 2023-present
Thesis title: Third Culture Voices: Perspectives on Ethnic-Racial Identity Formation and Sense of Belonging from Students, Faculty, Parents, and Administrators of an International School in São Paulo, Brazil

- Undertaking comprehensive independent research on the role of International Schools in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in sense of belonging and ethnic-racial identity formation, securing funding through successful grant applications, including the Center for Latin American Studies Fieldwork Research Grant
- Delivered 4 detailed, hour-long presentations in Portuguese and English, invited by the Portuguese Department at Stanford and the Graduate School of Education, engaging audiences of up to 25 people
- Conducted qualitative interviews with stakeholders at Avenues: The World School in São Paulo, collaborating with head of the school, deans, teachers, administrators, parents, and students to gather diverse perspectives

HEIDIVE Lab Graduate Research, Stanford University Stanford, CA
Advisor: Christine Min Wotipka Autumn 2023-March 2024

- Reviewing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) related laws in Brazilian Higher Education
- Made a succinct literature review on the topic, drawing from English and Portuguese written sources, and creating an annotated bibliography
- Investigating differences in conversations surrounding DEI in Higher Education settings in Brazil

Undergraduate Sociology Research Assistant, Saint Louis University St. Louis, MO
Advisor: Hisako Matsuo Fall 2022

- Collected, organized, and interpreted data through quantitative research methods, including the foreign-born population in the greater St. Louis region to understand health concerns
- Conducted research to learn more about international student unique needs in order to enhance their success

- Trained in qualitative research, specifically in interviewing, rapport building, active listening, and compiling data analysis

Undergraduate Biology Research Assistant, Saint Louis University

St. Louis, MO

Advisor: Danelle Haake

Fall 2019

- Evaluated the effects of road salt to river ecosystems by sorting invertebrates
- Used microscopy to handle small organisms

INTERNSHIPS

Brazilian Supreme Court of Justice

Brasilia, Brazil

Legal Intern

Summer 2023

- Served in the esteemed cabinet of Honorable Justice Kássio Nunes Marques, under the guidance of Judge Marcus Onodera, focusing on cases related to crime and indigenous land reform
- Conducted thorough research and analysis, culminating in detailed reports on civil law matters, ensuring alignment with the principles laid out in the Brazilian Constitution
- Fostered collaboration across various stakeholders, including judges, associate justices, the clerk of the court, law clerks, administrative staff, librarian, and public information officers, enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness

Economic Development and World Trade Center

St. Louis, MO

Immigration Communication and Outreach Intern

August 2020-May 2022

- Partnered with the St. Louis Regional Chamber, 200 community partners, 32 St. Louis city member committees, 1000 foreign-born business owners, 121 schools, 17 local Universities, and 53 companies, to execute a comprehensive regional immigration attraction strategy to the region
- Orchestrated outreach efforts targeting the international community by overseeing the creation and dissemination of a monthly newsletter read by an audience of 27,000 + foreign-born individuals of the St. Louis region
- Assisted in the organization of business meetings, cultural events, webinars, and the meticulous management of project materials

INTO Saint Louis University

St. Louis, MO

Program Evaluation Intern for International Student Affairs

Fall 2021

- Developed, operated, and evaluated co-curricular programming to support international students inside and outside of the classroom by conducting surveys and assessments. Interpreted student's responses and made recommendations to improve international student's lives in INTO SLU programs

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Language Resource Center at Saint Louis University

St. Louis, MO

Portuguese and Japanese Tutor

Fall 2022, Spring 2023

- Provided tutoring and language program support for undergraduate and graduate students, specializing in conversational proficiency in both Portuguese and Japanese

Summer Chess Camp at Mid-South Memphis

Memphis, TN

Chess Instructor

Summer 2022

- Designed Chess class materials for 20-30 students aged 7-15, with a focus on empowering girl chess players and promoting chess

Colégio Mirassol School

São Paulo, Brazil

English and Japanese Teaching Assistant

Summer 2021

- Designed and developed mind-provoking and interactive content for K-9 grade children learning English and Japanese as a second language and empowered young children to seek opportunities domestically and abroad

Academic Support at Saint Louis University

St. Louis, MO

Peer Instructor for Cura Personalis U101 Class

Fall 2021

- Co-instructed and facilitated a smooth transition for first-year students into collegiate life at SLU, empowering them with essential skills to ensure their academic success throughout their college journey

Colégio Mirassol

São Paulo, Brazil

Japanese Online Tutor

Spring 2020, Fall 2020

- Designed elementary Japanese classes for students going through difficulty because of pandemic, utilizing creative teaching skills like origami, cultural songs, and children's stories by using Microsoft and PowerPoint

WORK EXPERIENCE

Stanford Hoover Institute

Stanford, CA

Graduate Assistant

Spring 2024

- Worked with Dr. Kaoru Ueda, Curator of Japanese Diaspora Collections at Hoover Institution Library & Archives, to enhance the scope and accessibility of the collection
- Successfully acquired three significant archival materials related to the Japanese diaspora through engagement with the Japanese Consulate in São Paulo, Brazil
- Developed and implemented digital preservation strategies to ensure broader access to archival materials in the Hoji Shinbun Digital Collections initiative

Stanford University Career Education

Stanford, CA

Career Associate

Fall 2023-present

- Serving as one of the 4 career coaches in charge of a cohort of 3,500 freshmen and sophomore Stanford students, providing personalized guidance and constructive feedback on career related materials
- Maintaining ties between Stanford and 5,000 employers globally, as well as collaborate closely with 7 on-campus departments, faculty, and alumni networks to curate networking opportunities and implement impactful career development initiatives for students
- Organize and lead 2 engaging workshops and presentations focused on essential career-building topics such as resume development, optimizing LinkedIn profiles, mastering interview skills, and leveraging different platforms for job search success

Saint Louis University Career Services

St. Louis, MO

International Career Specialist

Spring 2023

- Advised international students by promoting a culture of job readiness through resume review, mock interviews, cover letter building, and providing support to students in their career journey
- Organized 6 international career events and collaborated with the Career Services Associate Provost to expand job opportunities for international students on campus.

Saint Louis University Office of International Services

St. Louis, MO

International Ambassador Coordinator

January 2022-May 2022

- Recruited, trained, and managed a team of 20 international ambassadors who welcome and support 1000+ international students to campus; coordinated 2 school wide orientations
- Engaged in monthly public speaking for groups of 50+ students; managed 10+ Office of International Services programs

Saint Louis University Division of Marketing and Communication

St. Louis, MO

Student Experience Digital Content Creator

Spring 2021

- Collaborated with the Digital Content Coordinator to enhance SLU's international marketing strategy and create unique content, boosting our social media presence on the official Website, Instagram, and TikTok

LEADERSHIP

Stanford University Asia-Latin America Council

Stanford, CA

Events Coordinator

Autumn 2023-Spring 2023

- Spearheaded a 90-minute event exploring Japanese Diasporic Movement to Brazil, successfully convinced 3 departments (ILAC, DLCL, and EALC) to fully sponsor the funding of venue, speakers, and accommodations.
- Leveraged strong networking and cross-cultural communication skills by coordinating scholarly conversation between the Japanese consul from the Consulate General of Chicago, 22 Stanford scholars, and featuring the Curator of Japanese Diasporic Collection from the Hoover Institute.

International Intersarsity Christian Fellowship

St. Louis, MO

Fellowship Volunteering Leadership

Fall 2019-Spring 2023

- Advertised, Recruited, and welcomed over 30+ new students to events, weekly meetings, and international intersarsity conferences

Saint Louis University Student Government Association

St. Louis, MO

Vice President of International Affairs

Fall 2020-May 2022

- Spearheaded the international affairs committee, promoting inclusivity and support for international students.
- Launched 30+ weekly newsletters, highlighting SLU and St. Louis events for the international student community, while also delivering a keynote address at SLU's Fall Welcome 2021 ceremony, engaging over 4,000 attendees.

Japanese American St. Louis Women Association

St. Louis, MO

Secretary

Fall 2020-Spring 2021

- Served as JASWA representative in events and meetings with other organizations
- Collected board meeting notes and drafted neat summaries to all board members
- Supervised JASWA events, and created feedback forms for participants

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sequoia High School

Redwood City, CA

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2023

- Served newly arrived unaccompanied minors from Mexico, Guatemala, and El Salvador in Algebra and Biology classes.
- Solely communicated with these students in Spanish, becoming more conscious about ethnic, racial, and gender issues that these students experience

Pediatric Pandemic Awareness Project

São Paulo, Brazil

Japanese Voice and Translation Editor

Fall 2020

- Translated a video script from Portuguese to Japanese and performed a voice cover in order to bring awareness of the pandemic to children in Brazil
- Promoted well-being for children in stressful time by communicating between health professionals and video designers to make helpful video
- Developed strong communication skills, voice clarity and video editing skills using In Shot and other media platforms

Saint Louis University Service to the Community

St. Louis, MO

Volunteer

Spring 2020

- Met with residents of Beauvais Manor Nursing Home once a week to encourage exercise, stay positive, and spark conversations
- Assisted at Third Baptist Church Food Pantry once per month by sorting food donations and monitoring food intake
- Met with retired Fathers at Jesuit Hall to encourage brain stimulation through memory and puzzle games and music

Christmas Gifts Refugee Project

São Paulo, Brazil

President/ Co-Founder

Fall 2019

- Developed a project to gift Christmas gifts to refugee kids from Venezuela residing in São Paulo, by organizing various donation campaigns to raise money
- Raised \$320 in funds, which resulted in 20 gifts to children aged 5-15

PAPERS

1. Hoshino, Karen. "Third Culture Voices: Perspectives on Ethnic-Racial Identity Formation and Sense of Belonging from Students, Faculty, Parents, and Administrators of an International School in São Paulo, Brazil" 30 Aug, 2024. Latin American Studies. Stanford University. Master's Thesis.
2. Hoshino, Karen. "Artificial Intelligence: General Considerations and Economic Implications for Latin America and the Caribbean" 06 Sep, 2024. United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. Official Report.
3. Hoshino, Karen. "The Work-Life Balance in the U.S." 06 Sep, 2024. United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. Official Report.
4. Hoshino, Karen. "An Interpretation of Freitas, Lesser, and Chilcote on how Conservation, Immigration, and Intellectualism Shaped Modernization and Brazilian National Identity" 13 Jun, 2024. The Historical Ecology of Latin America. Stanford University. Final Paper.
5. Hoshino, Karen. "A Luta contra o racismo nos livros didáticos" 12 Jun, 2024. Racial and Gender Inequality in Latin America. Stanford University. Final Paper.
6. Hoshino, Karen. "A Critical Review of Clientelism and Social Policy in Brazil" 16 Mar, 2024. Latin American Politics. Stanford University. Final Paper.
7. Hoshino, Karen. "A Historical Background of International/American K-12 Schools" 12 Dec 2023. Exploring Latin American History and Historiography. Stanford University. Final Paper
8. Hoshino, Karen. "A Comparative Case Study of Ethnic Assimilation: Japanese and African Population in Brazil" 10 May, 2023. Ethnic Politics. Saint Louis University. Undergraduate Capstone Paper
9. Tadasse, Aweke; Nketsiah, Ebow; Khan, Arman; Laxton, Aaron; Hoshino, Karen. "International Students' Quality of Life: Evidence Based Research from Saint Louis University" 7 Dec, 2022. Survey Design and Sampling. Saint Louis University. Final Group Paper
10. Hoshino, Karen. "International Student's Quality of Life in American Universities" 7 Dec, 2022. Internship in International Studies. Saint Louis University. Term Paper

PRESENTATIONS

Oral Presentations

1. **Stanford Lemann Center**, Stanford University September 2024
"Third Culture Voices: Perspectives on Ethnic-Racial Identity Formation and Sense of Belonging from Students, Faculty, Parents, and Administrators of an International School in São Paulo, Brazil"
2. **Center for Latin American Studies**, Stanford University June 2024
"Third Culture Voices: Perspectives on Cultural Identity Formation from Students, Faculty, Parents, and Administrators of an International School in São Paulo, Brazil"

3. **Racial and Gender Inequality in Latin America**, Stanford University June 2024
"A Luta Contra o Racismo nos Livros Didáticos no Brasil" (in Portuguese)
4. **Kids: Youth Cultures in Contemporary Latin America**, Stanford University April 2024
"Third Culture Voices: Identity Formation in International Schools in São Paulo, Brazil"
5. **Graduate Studies in Portuguese**, Stanford University (*Invited*) October 2023
"The Japanese-Brazilian Community" (in Portuguese)
6. **Stanford Lemann Center**, Stanford University October 2023
"A Discussion on Japanese-Brazilian Education"
7. **Department of Spanish and Portuguese**, Northwestern University (*Invited*) October 2022
"Perspectives on the Japanese-Brazilian upbringing in São Paulo" (In Portuguese)
8. **Comparative Race and Ethnicity**, Saint Louis University May 2022
"Race Relations and Skin Color in Brazil"
9. **Queens United Chess**, Remote July 2021
"Women's Chess: A Talk with Japanese Women Chess Champion and Women Fide Master"
10. **St. Louis Mosaic Project**, St. Louis, MO May 2021
"Acclimating the Foreign-Born Population in the St. Louis Region"
11. **Quarantine LIVE Initiative**, Remote June 2020
"Women's Chess: International Chess Championships, the Japanese Women's Olympic Chess Team"

Poster Presentations

1. **2023 GSA Research Symposium**, St. Louis, MO April 2023
"International Students and Quality of Life: Evidence from Saint Louis University"
2. **2022 Sigma Xi International Forum on Research Excellence**, Remote November 2022
"Culturally Appropriate Transformation to the Culture of Health: Changing Health-Related Behaviors"

HONORS AND AWARDS

Lemann Center Fellow	2024
Full-Tuition Scholarship to attend Stanford University	
Stanford Ayacucho Fellow	2023
Center for Latin American Studies at Stanford University	
Summer Research Grant	2024
Stanford Center for Latin American Studies	
Global Perspectives Awards	2024
Stanford Global Studies Division	
Tinker Fieldwork Research Grant	2024
Stanford Center for Latin American Studies	
Phi Beta Kappa Love of Learning Grant	2023
Phi Beta Kappa PBK Chapter at Saint Louis University	

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society Phi Beta Kappa PBK Chapter at Saint Louis University	2023
Saint Louis University Summa Cum Laude Saint Louis University College of Arts & Sciences	2023
Sigma Iota Rho International Studies Honors Society at Saint Louis University	2023
Global Grueber Award College of Arts and Sciences at Saint Louis University	2023
Saint Louis University Chess Team (Among top #3 Chess Teams in Nation) Full-tuition Chess Scholarship to attend Saint Louis University	2019-2023
Vice President's Scholarship Saint Louis University	2019-2023
4-time Japanese Women Olympic Chess Team (Ranked #1 Women's Chess Player in Japan 2015-2019) International Chess Federation (FIDE)	2019-2023
3-time Pan American Women Chess Team Champion U.S. Chess Federation	2020-2023
Woman FIDE Master (Awarded at the age of 15) International Chess Federation (FIDE)	2016
Woman Candidate Master (Awarded at the age of 11) International Chess Federation (FIDE)	2012

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English (native and bilingual)
Portuguese (native and bilingual)
Spanish (full professional proficiency)
Japanese (limited working proficiency)

REFERENCES

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