

# Hannah Sorila

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**Strengths:** Empathy, Includer, Learner, Responsibility, and Consistency

## EDUCATION & HONORS

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**Providence College**, Providence, RI

Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies

*Minor:* French; *Concentration:* Community, Culture, and Care

**International Honors Program (IHP):** *World Learning*, Fall 2015

Health and Community: Globalization, Culture, and Care:

India, South Africa, and Brazil

**School for International Training (SIT):** *World Learning*, Spring 2016

Global Health and Development Policy: Switzerland and Morocco

GPA: 3.81/4.0

Magna Cum Laude

Dean's List

Liberal Arts Honors Program

## INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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**SIT Study Abroad:** *Brattleboro, VT*, February 2019 – Present

Custom Programs Coordinator

- Managed the pre-departure process for all custom programs and Professional Engagement Programs – ranging from 5 to 20 programs per term, with over 100 students and faculty/study abroad staff
- Corresponded with school partners, international colleagues, and various SIT departments
- Developed 3 and facilitated 1 custom program session for the SIT Critical Conversation virtual series, Fall 2020
- Liaised with the Marketing and Communications team on web edits, promotional materials, and outreach efforts
- Assisted in developing custom program proposals, schedules, and budgets based on specific requests

**GoAbroad.com:** *Tacloban City, Philippines*, May 2018 – December 2018

Content Marketing Intern

- Created, edited, and published articles, interviews, and guides for GoAbroad.com
- Optimized SEO for GoAbroad by editing meta descriptions, creating page redirects, and updating content
- Assisted in developing a volunteer program for an NGO in Uganda – created homestay orientation and pre-departure materials, wrote blog posts, and managed all Social Media accounts

**CISAustralia:** *Tacloban City, Philippines*, June 2018 – August 2018

Site Coordinator

- Alleviated volunteers' anxieties about culture shock, diffused conflict, and developed trusting relationships
- Administered 24/7 support for homestay and volunteer placement, and airport pick-up and drop-off presence

**Center for International Studies:** *Providence College*, August 2016 – May 2017

Peer Advisor and Office Assistant – Student Worker

- Corresponded with the study abroad advisors, students, and parents in addressing the needs, concerns, and questions of prospective students
- Organized student information in the study abroad database and scheduled advising meetings

**Global Engagement Internship:** *Providence College*, January 2017 – May 2017

Course Co-facilitator alongside Chair of Global Studies Department

- Facilitated discussions surrounding positionality, privilege, identity, and global citizenship with 7 pre-study abroad students enrolled in a Global Engagement Course
- Addressed students' anxieties regarding how to prepare and what to expect from the study abroad experience

## INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WRITING & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

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**Forum on Education Abroad:** *Remote*, September 2020 – Present

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Around the World Working Group Contributor

- Engaged international colleagues by gathering and sharing information on perspectives and approaches to equity, diversity, and inclusion around the world in different social contexts
- Developed tangible mechanisms to get resources out to those in the field (marketing or advocacy plan)

**GoAbroad.com Writer's Academy:** *Remote*, February 2018 – August 2018

Guide Contributor

- Completed modules in order to gain a deeper understanding of GoAbroad.com, company and personal branding, and travel / freelance writing and editing
- Composed two assigned guide articles per month until the completion of the program

**PINC International:** *Remote*, September 2018 – December 2018

Content Creator

- Contributed and edited blog content, email blasts, and professional proposals
- Assisted in WordPress website editing, SEO optimization, and image creation with Canva

**Study Abroad Global Ambassador Program:** *Providence College*, August 2016 – May 2017

Global Ambassador

- Facilitated information sessions about the study abroad application process and the study abroad experience
- Contributed to the pre-study abroad orientation by discussing and promoting culturally conscious international immersion and study abroad experiences

## **INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE**

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### **Conferences Attended**

**Alliance for Peacebuilding  
Peace Conference**

*Virtual*, December 2020

**Forum on Education Abroad  
Annual Conference**

*Virtual*, April 2020

**NAFSA Annual National  
Conference**

*Washington DC*, May 2019

### **Conference Presentations**

**Forum on Education Abroad Annual Conference**

*Virtual*, April 2020

**Belonging Vs. Fitting in Education Abroad: Articulating Expectations and Outcomes for Student Learning & Support**

*Co-presented with Abe De La Rosa of The Forum on Education Abroad*

Inspired by Brene Brown, this session explores the tension between belonging and fitting in within education abroad. This theme carries broad relevance in our work from advising on expectations to developing programs that are ethical and inclusive. How do we support and encourage students to step outside their comfort zone with manageable expectations that lead to higher learning outcomes?

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

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**Mapping Short-Term Education Abroad Programs Certificate**

*NAFSA: Association of International Educators*

Completed Fall 2019

**Content Marketing Certification**

*HubSpot*

Completed Spring 2018

## **CRM AND SYSTEM EXPERIENCE**

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Salesforce

Datatel

Excel

Microsoft Teams

Mail Chimp

Program Communication Tool

**Additional Experience:** NAFSA Tri-regional Conference Volunteer (Winter 2017); Urban Outfitters Department Specialist (2017-2018); Global Studies Student Leader Initiative (2016-2017); IHP/SIT Alumni Mentor (2016-2017); Writings on the Wall: The Untold Stories of the LGBTQ+ Community (2017); Creative Choices Camp Counselor (2014-2017); Global Studies Student Worker (Spring 2015)