

# Sidney Balman III

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## Related Experience

- United Nations Relief and Works Agency** Amman, Jordan  
**Human Rights, Conflict Resolution, and Tolerance (HRCRT) Education Intern** January 2014-Present
- Support monitoring and evaluation for the unit by compiling and analyzing data from the five field offices—Gaza, West Bank, Lebanon, Jordan, and Syria—on policy dissemination and training of teachers on the HRCRT toolkit
  - Support HRCRT communications and advocacy activities
  - Support the development of an online platform for information sharing among teachers
  - Regularly follow global human rights education initiatives and brief the unit
  - Provide administrative support, including drafting terms of reference and liaising with the Administrative unit regarding procurement, contract, and budgetary issues

- Middle East Institute** Washington, DC  
**Research Assistant** September 2013-December 2013
- Responsible for maintaining Peacefare.net
  - Co-managed a project mapping Syrian civil society during the ongoing revolution
  - Analyzed current and historical events
  - Regularly contributed articles to Peacefare.net
  - Represented the Middle East Institute at events in Washington, DC and assisted in event management, such as the Institute's Egypt Conference in September

- International Crisis Group** Washington, DC  
**Communications Intern** May-August 2012
- Responsible for arranging media interviews with the group's field analysts across the world, with a focus on Afghanistan, Iran, Libya, Syria, the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, and China
  - Managed the North America Communications Director's Twitter account
  - Helped manage the organization's Tumblr blog, facilitating an increase of almost 5,000 followers during the summer
  - Wrote press releases on International Crisis Group reports, which detailed critical geostrategic situations throughout the world
  - Covered events in Washington, DC on global security, defense, and various conflicts in the Middle East, Asia, and Africa, producing briefing papers for the organization's leadership
  - Part of the production team for the International Crisis Group's new corporate and fundraising video
  - Edited podcasts for the website using Adobe Soundbooth

## Other Experience

- Cox Hospital** Springfield, Missouri  
**Intern** June-July 2010
- Worked two weeks with Dr. Charles Dunn, a vascular surgeon, and several of his colleagues at the largest surgical practice in the region
  - Observed several surgeries each day, went on rounds, and served on-call with Dr. Dunn during the weekend
  - Assisted in a wound-vac exchange in the intensive care unit

## Skills

Language: Proficient in Arabic, German, and Swiss-German

Software: Proficient with Microsoft Office, Adobe Soundbooth, Social Media, and Wordpress, Basic HTML

Medical: Certified Wilderness First Responder (June, 2013), CPR Certified (2013)

## **Education**

**Cornell University, College of Arts & Sciences**, Ithaca, NY

Bachelor of Arts in Near Eastern Studies, Class of 2013

Cumulative GPA: 3.1, Major GPA: 3.47, Dean's List

Cornell Varsity Football Team, Two-Year Letterman

Recipient of Ann & Robert Rosenthal Scholarship for excellence by an undergraduate student in the Near Eastern Studies Program in 2011 and 2012