

# Rachel Walsh

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## EDUCATION

College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA

B.A. in Middle Eastern Studies, May 2009

Double major in International Relations, cumulative GPA 3.94

**Study Abroad: Aleppo, Syria**

University of Aleppo, Fall Semester 2007

Completed 14 credits of Arabic courses in Translation, Literature, and Philosophy

**Study Abroad: Tangiers, Morocco**

Intensive Arabic Language program, Summer 2006

University of Arizona program, full scholarship received

## SKILLS and PROFICIENCIES

Professionalized Modern Standard Arabic, Intermediate Levantine Dialect

Intermediate Spanish

Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, SPSS

Excellent organizational and communication skills

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

**The Project on International Peace and Security, Williamsburg, VA** Oct 2008-Present  
*Research Fellow*

- Investigate and write on policy-relevant topic as part of think tank, in correspondence with members of policy community
- Given opportunity to present work to policy officials & scholars at year-end conference

**National Security Agency, Baltimore, MD**

May- August 2008

*Intern, Voice/ Graphic Language Analyst*

- Completed 6-week course entitled "Foundations in Cryptologic Arabic Grammar and their Applications"
- Translated various written communications
- Translated audio material in Egyptian, Iraqi, Saudi and Levantine dialects
- Worked with agency software such as NUCLEON

**Middle Eastern Culture Association, Williamsburg, VA**

January 2008 - Present

*Executive Board, Secretary*

- Active in event planning and preparation
- Responsible for gathering and distributing information about the organization
- Record the proceedings of meetings and events, preserve all documents

**Terrorism Research Center, Arlington, VA**

January, June-August 2007

*Intern, Junior Research Assistant*

- Created profiles for terrorist groups based in Persian Gulf, North Africa
- Published articles in weekly Internet Intelligence Report
- Attended congressional hearings on Middle East, North Africa topics
- Provided background research for regional city and port Threat Assessments

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

**Ordinate Corporation, Consultant for Arabic language testing, February-June 2008**

**Min Khilal al-Luga, Arabic Newspaper Publication, Writer and Editor, January – May 2008**

**Arabic Language House, Resident, August 2006 – May 2007**

**International Justice Mission, Member, January 2007 - Present**

## HONORS

Dean's List (5 semesters)

Member of Golden Key International, Alpha Lambda Delta, and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies

Member of Phi Beta Delta- International Studies and Educational Honor Society

James Critchfield Memorial Scholarship, Study Abroad, Morocco and Syria