

# GEOFFREY ERIC CURFMAN

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## EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2012 **Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)**, Washington, DC  
*Research Intern, Middle East Program*
- Generating research and project proposals, including on human capital development in the Gulf, inclusive growth in North Africa, and Chinese and Turkish investment projects in North Africa
  - Monitoring Middle East political activity and delivering weekly verbal briefings to Program Director
  - Helping organize Program events, corresponding by phone with members of U.S. foreign policy community, and gaining exposure to budgetary issues through research on potential donors
  - Prepared written analysis of Palestinian bid for UN agency membership in 1989 and U.S. response
  - Contributed research, editing and text to edited volume on U.S. national security policy in the Gulf
  - Published event summaries and posts on social media in Saudi Arabia and commercial waste dumping
- Fall 2011 **Middle East Institute**, Washington, DC  
*Intern*
- Researched and edited a book on U.S. national security and civilian instruments of power projection
  - Wrote posts for and maintained SAIS Professor Daniel Serwer's blog, [www.peacefare.net](http://www.peacefare.net)
- Summer 2010 **Richard Blumenthal United States Senate Campaign**, Hartford, CT  
*Intern*
- Wrote background briefings for candidate appearances and helped organize campaign rallies
- Summer 2009 **Harvard Law School**, Cambridge, MA  
*Research Assistant*
- Wrote analysis of the authoritarian constitutional structures of Jordan, Egypt, Singapore, Malaysia, and China for Professor Mark Tushnet
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## EDUCATION

- 2010-2011 **London School of Economics and Political Science**, London, UK  
*Master of Science, International Relations Theory*
- Earned the highest grade classification, "Distinction," for combined course work and dissertation
  - Wrote dissertation on the role of U.S. policy on economic reform in Egypt's recent uprising
- Summer 2011 **American University in Beirut**, Beirut, Lebanon  
*Arabic Student*
- Studied Modern Standard Arabic while living in Beirut
- 2007-2010 **Colgate University**, Hamilton, NY  
*Bachelor of Arts Degree, Major: Political Science*
- Graduated *magna cum laude*, with Honors in political science
  - Dean's Award for Academic Excellence: Fall 2007-Spring 2010
  - Member of *Pi Sigma Alpha*, national political science honor society
  - Honors thesis: "A New Way Forward on Non-Criminal Detention Policy in the Global War on Terror"
- Spring 2009 **Geneva International Relations Study Group**, Geneva, Switzerland  
*Selected Participant*
- Colgate University Study Abroad Program; Political Science and International Relations study group
  - Studied transatlantic security at *Graduate Institute of International and Developmental Studies*
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## LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES

### Arabic, Modern Standard

- High-introductory level in written, spoken, and aural

### French

- Proficient in written, spoken, and aural
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## PUBLICATIONS

- "CSIS Gulf Roundtable Summary: Gulf Power after Iraq," May 24, 2012. *Forthcoming*
- "Tweeting Orthodoxy," *CSIS Middle East Notes and Comments*, May 2012
- "No Dumping," *CSIS Middle East Notes and Comments*, March 2012
- "Event Summary: Algeria Amidst North Africa's Transition," January 13, 2012.
- "Libya on track, but delay may be wise," *peacefare.net*, January 6, 2012.