MORGAN POTTS

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EDUCATION

MSc International Relations Theory
London School of Economics and Political Science / 2012–2013

- Thesis: "Is North Korea a Rational Actor? Evaluating 'Rationality' and 'Agency' in IR"
- Essay: "(Trans-)Gender Matters: Gender and International Security"
- Degree classification pending (2014)

BA (Hons) International Relations, minor in History
Richmond, the American International University in London / 2007–2010

- Senior thesis: "The Failings of Global Climate Governance"
- 1st Class Honours Degree, summa cum laude
- $12,000 Presidential Scholarship for maintaining a 3.8 GPA
- 2010 Outstanding Graduate in International Relations

Research Interests

- North-East Asian nuclear (in)security
- North-East Asian naval security and maritime/territorial disputes
- US "pivot" to Asia
- DPRK ideology and regime (in)stability
- Geopolitics
- Cyber security
- Gender and female masculinity

Co-curricular Experience

- Millennium: Journal of International Studies / Editor
- Model United Nations / Secretary
- LSE Orchestra / Cellist
- Richmond Student Union / Chair
- Richmond Think Tank / Co-founder

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant Editor — Nov 2013 – Present
Sino-NK Digital Humanities Project / London, UK

- Author and co-author articles on North Korean politics and North-East Asian geopolitics
- Data-deepening initiatives, source-reading on Sino-DPRK dynamics
- Editorial work, Chinese translation, coordination with a globally-located team

Policy Writer — Oct 2013 – Present
The European Alliance for Human Rights in North Korea / London, UK

- Outline policy objectives to improve human rights for North Korean defectors and those in DPRK
- Write policy briefs directed at MEPs, specifically on policy toward refugees, sanctions, and freedom of information

Research Analyst (Internship), Nuclear Analysis Department **Oct 2013 – Dec 2013**
The Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) / London, UK
- Focus on North-East Asian nuclear and maritime security
- Engagement with Chinese and North Korean think tanks
- Research for internal and external publication
- Formal correspondence and administrative support

Web Assistant, Editorial Department **Feb 2013 – May 2013**
International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) / London, UK
- Continued editorial duties
- Wrote 100+ literature abstracts for books on security studies, published in *Survival*
- Caught 500+ errors in new website user acceptance testing
- Ensured style consistency, corrected formatting and image placement on web pages

Editorial Assistant (Internship) **Nov 2012 – Feb 2013**
International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) / London, UK
- Categorized 450+ articles and publications for SEO
- Updated and organized the new CMS
- Internship resulted in a job at the Institute as a Web Assistant

Research Assistant to Dr. James Boys **Dec 2009 – May 2010**
Richmond, the American International University in London / London, UK
- Assisted with primary research on the War on Terror and extraordinary rendition
- Fact-checked work for publication in the *International Journal of Human Rights*

In addition to the positions detailed above, I have worked as a personal assistant, political fundraiser, a sailing instructor, an office manager, and a studio session cellist.

PUBLICATIONS

"Is North Korea a Rational Actor? The Right and Wrong Questions to Ask" (excerpt from MSc Thesis), *Sino-NK*, December 2013.

"Competing Ballistic Missile Defense Strategies in North-East Asia", *Newsbrief*, The Royal United Services Institute, February 2014 (forthcoming).

SKILLS

Research: Primary research, fact-checking, analytical skills, interpersonal skills
Editorial: Copy-editing, proofreading, style consistency, organization, management
Technical: Web design, MS Office, iWork, HTML, Photoshop, blogging, social media
Admin: Event planning, scheduling, digitally coordinating across continents
Languages: French (proficient), Mandarin Chinese (beginning)