



IAFS Alum Heads to UNHCR to Tackle Refugee Issues



Giulia Barnhisel, IAFS '16

Giulia Barnhisel (IAFS '16) credits a summer internship in Belgium and her senior honors thesis for starting her professional path in international migration and refugee policy. As her understanding of worldwide refugee issues increased, so did her passion to become involved with humanitarian assistance programs. After graduation, she worked for [New Era Colorado](#), encouraging young voters to participate in U.S. elections, and used her spare time to apply for professional opportunities in international migration. In November 2016, the day after the U.S. Presidential election, Barnhisel was offered a highly-competitive internship with the [United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees \(UNCHR\)](#) in Denmark. Four weeks later, she boarded a plane and moved to Copenhagen.

Barnhisel works in the migration agency of UNHCR and her role focuses on private sector fundraising. Specifically, she handles high impact donor accounts, develops projects, and reports on nine countries with projects starting soon. "Currently, I am researching how climate change impacts refugee agricultural activities," explains Barnhisel. This data will assist the UNHCR in developing innovative projects to find sustainable agricultural activities for refugees living in camps and protracted situations. For the past three months, she has found her work to be highly informative and rewarding. When her internship contract is completed, Barnhisel hopes to advance her career in international migration with a fieldwork position, ideally in Europe or Africa.

You're Invited

Please join us for the International Affairs Spring Welcome Reception on April 13th, featuring a special presentation on "Geopolitics, Foreign Policy and Democratization." This is a wonderful opportunity to mingle with alumni, friends of the program, and community members interested in global topics. This event is being held during the [Conference on World Affairs](#), an exciting time on campus for international issues.

Thursday, April 13th, 2017
5:30 - 7:00 PM
Koenig Alumni Center
1202 University Avenue
Boulder, CO 80309-0459

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Coffee, Classes, and Life in France: IAFS Student Goes Abroad for Bordeaux

With over 400 education abroad programs available at CU Boulder, Lindsey Folcik (IAFS '17) carefully chose an exchange program to the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Bordeaux (Sciences Po Bordeaux). Her [Global Grant](#) in fall 2016 helped make her plans reality. For Folcik, every day in Bordeaux was a new adventure. She started the semester with an intensive orientation experience at Sciences Po Bordeaux, connecting her with fellow international students. Initially nervous about her French abilities, Folcik found herself thriving in French language courses. In addition, she enhanced her French speaking skills by interacting with native speakers outside the classroom, and embracing opportunities to practice in cafés, shops, and local transportation. Folcik also gained a deep appreciation for the French influence in everyday activities that she often overlooked back in Boulder. "Back home, I go to a coffee shop for a large cup of coffee to wake up, but here in Bordeaux, I sip a tiny, caffeine-packed espresso which taste pretty darn good and does the job well done," shares Folcik.



Lindsey Folcik (right), IAFS '17

[Read more about Folcik visiting historical places in Bordeaux, France](#)

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Community Notes

The [Coloradan Alumni Association Magazine](#) recently featured Stella Lunyaramoi (IAFS '14) and her journey from war-torn South Sudan to the White House.

CU Alum, [Mary Ann Casey, gives \\$100,000 to the International Affairs Global Grants Program](#) and inspires other donor partners to contribute.

CU Model U.N. Takes Home Two Awards from the AMUN Conference

The [CU Model United Nations \(U.N.\)](#) team, sponsored by International Affairs, had the exciting opportunity to attend the [American Model United Nations \(AMUN\) International Collegiate Conference](#) in Chicago last November. The group had the chance to represent Croatia and Mauritius at the conference. The team won two awards for their exceptional outlines of these countries' positions.



CU Model U.N. at AMUN 2016

Apart from the conference, the team had an active fall semester, hosting several key events in Boulder. On November 16th, observed annually as the United Nations International Day for Tolerance, CU Model U.N. joined three other student organizations as part of a panel presentation about encouraging tolerance on college campuses. CU Model U.N. president Justice Mack explained the panel event: "Representatives from each student organization answered questions regarding their personal experiences with intolerance on campus, and gave their opinions on how to best combat these experiences— it was a very meaningful event."

In December, CU Model U.N. was the host of the Model United Nations Conference for high school students across Colorado. Over 200 students from across the state learned about international issues and practiced their diplomatic skills. The team looks forward to continuing their meaningful involvement on campus and nation-wide, and offering students the opportunity to experience international diplomacy and negotiations firsthand.

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