

Patrick Gahr

EDUCATION

September 2010-September 2011 **Master of Philosophy in International Peace Studies, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland**

- Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar
- Served on the Executive Committee for the Irish School of Ecumenics and School of Theology
- Dissertation focus on United Nations Institutional Reforms
- Mediation Summer School

September 2004-June 2008 **Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, Seattle University, Seattle, Washington**

- Minor in Japanese

July-August 2007 **University of Belgrano, Buenos Aires, Argentina**

- Enrolled in a intensive study of Spanish, Summer of 2007

March 2006-July 2006 **Sophia University, Faculty of Comparative Culture, Tokyo, Japan**

- Studied Japanese Culture and Language
- Studied International Politics

EXPERIENCE

May 2011-August 2011 **United Nations Biological Weapons Convention Intern, Geneva, Switzerland**

- Supported the Implementation Support Unit with preparing for the Biological Weapons Convention Review Conference in December 2011.
- Wrote speeches for the president designate of the Biological Weapons Convention.
- Researched ways the Biological Weapons Convention can become more effective in achieving its mandate.
- Explored ways the Biological Weapons Convention can achieve universalization.

August 2008-July 2010 **Assistant Language Teacher, Japanese Exchange and Teaching Program (JET), Japan**

- Assisted with the instruction of English at Takayama Junior High School, Nagano, Japan.
- Served as a cultural ambassador for the village of Takayama.
- Coordinated events focused on educating local residents of foreign cultures and customs.
- Served as a Block Leader to help train and develop other Assistant Language Teachers.
- Led a workshop addressing the issues of giving productive feedback in a Japanese work place.

October 2005-March 2006 **Leadership Coordinator, Student Development, Seattle University, Seattle, WA**

- Facilitated workshops focusing on developing leadership skills for students.
- Co-planned a day conference focusing on various elements of leadership such as diversity, communication and mediation.
- Served in an advisory capacity to student organizations and clubs in resolving conflict.

LANGUAGES

- Japanese

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Seattle University Model United Nations Club- Co-founder (2004-2006)
- Resident Assistant, Seattle University (2006-2008)
- Student Leader, Xavier Global House outreach program, Tijuana Mexico (Spring 2008)
- Tokyo Orientation Assistant, JET Program, Tokyo Japan (Summer 2009)
- Nagano Association of JET, Treasurer (2008-2010)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & ADDRESSES

- *The LGBTQ community and Japan*, JET Program orientation hosted by the Japanese government in conjunction with the Council of Local Authorities and International Relations. July 28 2009
- *Rotary International District Conference in Ireland*. Presentation on International Peace Studies as an Ambassadorial Scholar. September 2010