

# ABDUL SANDERSON

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## EDUCATION

**Johns Hopkins University** **Washington, DC**  
**School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)** **May 2026**

**Master of Arts in International Relations (MAIR)**

- GPA: 3.59
- Focus on International Economics and Finance, with a regional focus on the Americas and Europe-Eurasia
- Coursework: Sanctions, International Micro & Macroeconomics, Statistics for Data Analysis, Risk Analysis, Economic Development, Economics of Conflict

**State University of New York at Geneseo** **Geneseo, NY**  
**Bachelor of Arts in Economics & International Relations, *cum laude*** **May 2020**

- GPA: 3.56; Dean's List
- Sigma Iota Rho International Honor Society
- Study abroad: *Universite de Fribourg* in Fribourg, Switzerland, Summer 2019

## EXPERIENCE

**U.S. Department of State** **Ashgabat, Turkmenistan**  
**Fellow, U.S. Embassy Ashgabat Political-Economic Section** **June 2025 – August 2025**

- Drafted 3 policy memos, 8 analytical reports, and a comprehensive country assessment for a Deputy Assistant Secretary, strengthening decision-making on regional priorities
- Reported on Turkmenistan's economic issues, including investment conditions, sector developments, and regional trends affecting U.S. interests
- Engaged with Turkmenistan government officials, diplomatic missions, civil society leaders, and multilateral organizations to advance U.S. diplomatic objectives
- Supported 3 public diplomacy initiatives promoting U.S. culture and bilateral engagement

**U.S. House of Representatives** **Washington, DC**  
**Fellow, Office of Congressman Paul D. Tonko** **May 2024 – August 2024**

- Responded to and documented calls from 35+ constituents daily, ensuring accurate tracking of calls
- Composed and distributed detailed 45 position letters addressing constituents' key issues, promoting transparency and engagement
- Coordinated with 50 congressional offices to secure cosponsors for bills, enhancing bipartisan support and legislative success

**Fulbright Kyrgyzstan** **Naryn, Kyrgyzstan**  
**English Teaching Assistant** **September 2023 – May 2024**

- Planned and conducted 4 English classes and 2 Talking Clubs for university students (Freshmen – Seniors)
- Educated 20 professional adults and 23 students on English classes at Naryn's city library
- Served as a U.S. citizen diplomat in Kyrgyzstan via traditional, cultural, and educational events participation

**Industrial Economics, Inc.** **Cambridge, MA**  
**Research Analyst** **September 2022 – August 2023**

- Compiled data and developed methodologies for regulatory cost analysis
- Conducted literature review, synthesized information, and prepared for database entry
- Developed 13 deliverables for various federal, state, local, NGO, and IGO agencies

**Critical Language Scholarship** **Various, U.S.**  
**Alumni Ambassador** **January 2022 – December 2022**

- Recruited over 770 applicants for CLS's inaugural Spark program
- Planned and facilitated weekly affinity group meetings for participants
- Coached applicants with creating competitive applications

**SUNY Geneseo Residence Life****Geneseo, NY****Resident Assistant****August 2019 – May 2020**

- Supervised 70 student residents and collaborated with a team to support 170 residents in Wyoming residence hall
- Completed a university-led 3-week training program on counseling, resources, communication skills, administrative policies, and teamwork
- Coached and counseled multiple students providing guidance and mediation as requested or needed

**SUNY Jefferson Community College****Watertown, NY****History Tutor****January 2016 – May 2017**

- Instructed for 2 courses with about 20-30 students each on course materials
- Formulated personal study habits for quizzes and exams
- Supplemented course lectures to enhance student understanding of topics

**Congressional Campaign****Watertown, NY****Field Organizer****August 2014 – November 2014**

- Contacted 100+ potential voters per day throughout 12 counties represented in New York State's 21<sup>st</sup> congressional district
- Organized 3 press conferences and scouted locations for political advertisements
- Recruited, trained, and supervised 15 volunteers

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION****Languages:** English (Native), Russian (Intermediate-High), Spanish (Intermediate)**Skills:** Excel (Intermediate), Tableau, R, GIS**Awards/Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, 2021-2022 Critical Language Scholarship (Russian), 2023-2024 U.S. Fulbright Student Program English Teaching Assistantship (Kyrgyzstan), 2023 Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellowship