

EDUCATION:

City University of New York School of Law: Expected 12/2022

- J.D. / CUNY Law's Pipeline to Justice Program

Columbia University, New York, NY: 5/2017

- M.A. in Human Rights Studies: Gender and Security; GPA: 4.0

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY: 6/2015

- B.S. in Criminal Justice; minor in Political Science; GPA: 3.99

Pyatigorsk State Linguistic University, Pyatigorsk, Russia: 5/2009

- B.A. in Linguistics; minor in German; GPA: 3.7

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

UN Advocacy Officer, *Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC)* 7/2019 - present

- Policy and Advocacy: Leads global and regional policy engagement on human rights, development, peace and security in collaboration with local peacebuilding practitioners;
- Partnership-building: Convenes multi-stakeholder platforms to develop joint strategies aimed at the strengthening and implementation of international and regional policy frameworks;
- Legal Research: Monitors and analyzes developments in the international and regional policy and law to develop policy documents and lobby for the strengthening of the norms.

Paralegal, *Myra L Freed, Esq. (Collaborative Law)*: New York, NY 4/2019 - 7/2019

- Legal Research and Analysis: Conducted relevant legal research in the fields of family law, identified strategies and good practices for collaborative conflict resolution;
- Legal Writing: Drafted affidavits, various orders, divorce settlement agreements, etc.;
- Logistics and Coordination: Supported preparations for hearings, trials, and meetings by maintaining and organizing case files, maintained lawyer's calendar, provided billing support.

Program Associate, *Women's International League for Peace and Freedom* 9/2016 - 4/2019

- Policy and Advocacy: Provided a comprehensive gender analysis of all UN Security Council actions, wrote case-studies, develop strategies for timely interventions with the UN actors;
- Training and Capacity-Building: Liaised with local activists in the Middle East and North Africa region to coordinate advocacy, research and social media strategies;
- Management and Fundraising: Developed and coordinated all Program's projects, monitoring, research and outreach efforts.

UN Representative, *Global Ecovillage Network* 7/2017 - 7/2018

- Stakeholder Engagement: Identified political opportunities for the UN engagement around local activists' needs; developed and executed fundraising strategies with donors;
- Policy Analysis: Researched and provided policy analysis of legal, regulatory, and funding frameworks adopted by the former Soviet Union countries concerning sustainable development.

Research Associate, *Center for International Human Rights* 9/2013 - 12/2016

- Policy Research and Analysis: Conducted independent research on different intersections of criminal justice system and international human rights framework;
- Logistics and Coordination: Conceptualized and organized academic events, seminars and presentations hosted by the Center.

Research Assistant, *Psychology Department at John Jay College* 9/2014 - 5/2016

- Research and Analysis: Developed the questionnaire to measure attitudes of American citizens towards Arab people; recorded research procedures and results; analyzed data on SPSS.

Research Fellow, *Vera Institute of Justice* 9/2014 - 6/2015

- Research and Analysis: Conducted quantitative research on the Criminal Justice system response to prescription drug epidemic by interviewing law enforcement agents across the United States;
- Logistics and Coordination: Engaged in discussions with local policy-makers and law enforcement officials about possible strategies for addressing the long-ignored problem.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

Delegation Member, Mississippi Project at *CUNY School of Law*: New York, NY *upcoming*

- Legal Research: Support litigation at the Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights;
- Advocacy: Lead on the advocacy for lifting of the NY travel ban to conduct academic activities in Mississippi.

Legal Researcher, *CUNY School of Law*: New York, NY 7/2020-present (*ad-hoc*)

- Legal Research: Conducted 1) legal research on whether sexual orientation and gender identity fall under the protected category of "sex" under Title VII?; 2) background research on the benefits and challenges of the restorative justice process for advancing accountability for victims of conflict; 3) background research on the root causes of the child soldier phenomenon in Colombia.

Advisor, *United Nations Student Association at John Jay College*: New York, NY 9/2014 - 3/2018

- Capacity-Building: Support the executive board with conducting seminars about the structure of the United Nations and the position of an assigned country on relevant issues;
- Research and Analysis: Write, review and edit position papers annually awarded at the National Model United Nations Conferences.

Legal Intern, *UN Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate*: New York, NY 6/2016 - 9/2016

- Legal Analysis: Contributed to the assessment of states' human rights performance while countering terrorism for CTED's 2016 Global Survey;
- Legal Research: Conducted a legal study of the jurisprudence of the international human rights courts and compiled cases (with extracts) in a handbook categorized by human rights issues.

Paralegal, *Goldin & Rivin*: New York, NY 9/2014 - 5/2016

- Logistics and Coordination: Organized and developed personal injury cases by setting up claims and coordinating with the involved parties, draft statements and fill out legal inquiries.

SKILLS:

- Fluent in English, Russian and German;
- Intermediate in PhotoShop, Piktochart and InDesign; Proficient in CMS & database management; Proficient in MS Office;
- Ability to work in a multicultural environment; strong work ethics; organisational and leadership skills.

PUBLICATIONS (selected):

Scheyer, V., & Kumskova, M. (2019). Feminist foreign policy: A fine line between adding women and pursuing a feminist agenda. *Journal of International Affairs*, 72(2), 57-76. Retrieved August 20, 2020, from <https://www.jstor.org/stable/26760832>

Ruane, A., Kumskova, M. (2018). Towards a Feminist Security Council: A Guidance Note for Security Council Members. *Women's International League for Peace and Freedom*. Retrieved from: <https://www.peacewomen.org/node/103391>

Kumskova, M. (2017). Violations of women's rights while countering terrorism as a threat to collective survival: A case-study of the right to participation. *Columbia University Library: Academic Commons*. Retrieved from: <https://academiccommons.columbia.edu/catalog/ac:cz8w9ghx4h>

Kumskova, M. (2017). Mis-gendered security: women's exclusion from counterterrorism efforts. *Columbia University: Rights Views*. Retrieved from: <http://blogs.cuit.columbia.edu/rightsviews/2017/10/18/mis-gendered-security-womens-exclusion-from-counterterrorism-efforts/>

Ndongmo, S., Kumskova M. (2016). Good practice case study: Engaging the media on the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in Cameroon. *Women's International League for Peace and Freedom*. Retrieved from: <http://peacewomen.org/node/96853>

Kumskova, M. (2016). The crime of enforced disappearance: A comparative study of the Inter-American and the European courts of human rights. *E-International Relations*. Retrieved from: <http://www.e-ir.info/2016/01/03/the-crime-of-enforced-disappearance/>