

Margaret (Peggy) Sims

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SKILLS SUMMARY

- **Foreign Language:** Conversationally fluent in French with basic reading skills
- **Computer/Technical:** Proficient in MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, and BbLearn
- **Teamwork:** 5 years of meaningful collaboration in academic, employment, and volunteer capacities

EDUCATION

University of Illinois-Chicago, Chicago, Illinois Expected 05/2021
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

- Minor in French
- 3.5 GPA
- *Relevant Coursework:* Critical Reading and Writing; World Politics; American Politics; Fundamentals of Public Speaking; Intro to Information Systems; Intermediate Arabic

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Université Libre de Bruxelles (Free University of Brussels), Brussels, Belgium 08/2019-05/2020

- Studied overseas for an academic year with UI Education Abroad to refine French language skills and expand knowledge of European political systems

Habitat International Volunteer, Thies, Senegal 10/2016-12/2016

- Collaborated with a team of 20 volunteers to reconstruct houses and orphanages while learning about Senegalese culture, customs, and worldviews

PUBLIC SERVICE EXPERIENCE

AmeriCorps VISTA Member, United Way, Oak Park, Illinois 07/2018-Current

- Assist 150+ residents of Illinois in filing for taxes remotely to increase their tax knowledge
- Facilitate training for 8 university student volunteers to teach them how to help their peers within the state public university system in preparing taxes

Story Time Leader, Cook County Public Library, Chicago, Illinois 01/2015-01/2016

- Read a story each week to 5+ preschool and grade school-aged children to provide a fun space for them and nurture their love of books
- Awarded "Community Volunteer of the Month" by the mayor in June 2015 based on positive feedback from the library staff