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# 2023 ISCOR Graduates

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Katya Baranets

*Birthplace or Hometown:* Los Angeles, California  
*Major area of emphasis:* Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution  
*Study abroad experience(s):* I was supposed to go to the Higher School of Economics in Moscow before war broke out in 2022.  
*Internship(s):* Community Health Intern at Nile Sisters Development Initiative  
*Languages:* Russian, English  
*Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:* The multicultural/multilingual Professors, and studying the war in Ukraine with Russia in my ISCOR classes as it was unfolding throughout 2022 and 2023



Alejandra A. Casillas

*Birthplace or Hometown:* San Diego, CA  
*Major area of emphasis:* Justice in the Global System  
*Study abroad experience(s):* Tijuana, Mexico  
*Internship(s):* National Conflict Resolution Center  
*Languages:* National Conflict Resolution Center  
*Graduate school/career plans:* Got a job at NCRC.  
**Finding an interest in order to study a master's.**  
*Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:* Getting to know classmates as the years go by and we notice each other in common classes. Study sessions at Oggi's. **Study abroad friends who became family.**



Madison Barnes

*Birthplace or Hometown:* Temecula, CA  
*Major area of emphasis:* Cooperation  
*Study abroad experience(s):* Salamanca, Spain  
*Internship(s):* United Nations Association  
*Languages:* Spanish and English  
*Graduate school/career plans:* Pursuing to work in an Embassy  
*Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:* Graduating



Eshap

*Birthplace or Hometown:* San Diego, CA  
*Major area of emphasis:* Justice in the Global System  
*Study abroad experience(s):* Rennes, France  
*Languages:* English, French (kind of)  
*Graduate school/career plans:* Moving to London and seeing where life takes me :)  
*Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:* Oggi's with Greb forever! But along with that, the simulations were my favourite part of ISCOR classes. Classmates would get deep into the debate and it was a great method of learning by experience that I looked forward to even if I got roasted a couple times.

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Saylor Green

*Birthplace or Hometown:* Seattle, WA

*Major area of emphasis:* Environment in the Global System

*Study abroad experience(s):* Yearlong exchange in Barcelona, Spain, at Universitat de Pompeu Fabra

*Internship(s):* Marketing intern at Clear Blue Sea

*Languages:* Spanish

*Graduate school/career plans:* After taking a year to travel, I plan on pursuing a job that focuses on removing plastics from our oceans and applying to sustainable architecture and designs masters program where I hopefully will be able to create regulations regarding coastal architecture, in the hopes that we can find way to support our coastal marine ecosystems better while continuing to grow.

*Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:*

My most memorable experience was being in ISCOR 200, where I first realized how excited I was to be a part of this major as the Iranian nuclear power official came to talk to our class with Greb. Additionally, my year-long abroad experience in Barcelona was very rewarding as I was able to hone in on my love for global politics and broaden my cultural understanding of a place I had studied in school for years.



Cielo Mercedes Gonzalez

*Birthplace or Hometown:* Whittier, California

*Major area of emphasis:* Justice in the Global System

*Study abroad experience(s):* Florence, Italy- Summer 2022

*Languages:* Spanish

*Graduate school/career plans:* Pursuing a career in international law

*Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:* All of Dr. Greb's **simulations**

Jana Kanaan

*Birthplace or Hometown:* Scottsdale, AZ

*Major area of emphasis:* Justice in the Global System

*Internship(s):* CARE International; Consortium on Gender, Security, and Human Rights; Nile Sisters Development Initiative

*Languages:* English, Arabic

*Graduate school/career plans:* Work for an NGO in the humanitarian field then get a Master's in peacebuilding/diplomacy.

*Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:* Prof Graubart's ISCOR301 on Palestine



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## Daphne Kennedy

*Birthplace or Hometown:* Fallbrook, California

*Major area of emphasis:* Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict resolution

*Study abroad experience(s):* While I did not get the chance to study abroad with ISCOR due to COVID, I did get the chance to travel over the summer and gain invaluable knowledge about what the world has to offer!

*Internship(s):* License to Freedom, SENA program

*Languages:* German

*Graduate school/career plans:* I have every intention of traveling after graduation. I hope to receive a Fulbright grant to teach English in Greece in 2024 and train at an equestrian facility on a nearby island.

*Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:*

My most memorable experience as an ISCOR was Dr. Greb's global politics (375) class in the fall of 2022. Our simulation was the Syria conflict, and I will never forget just how invested we all got during informal negotiations. It was chaotic, but in the best way because you could see just how much effort and time everyone was putting into negotiating, as if we were the real decision-makers. I remember someone saying after class "he looked so happy that we were all yelling at each other," because you could tell the passion really rubbed off on us. It was a great time and I learned a lot!



## Olivia Knight

*Birthplace or Hometown:* Springfield, IL

*Major area of emphasis:* Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution

*Study abroad experience(s):* Uppsala, Sweden

*Languages:* English, Learning Spanish

*Graduate school/career plans:* I will be starting my career as a CXO this summer. I am planning for Graduate School in the near future.

*Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:*

Any of my simulations at the end of each semester. It was so amazing meeting classmates, and working towards a common goal together.

## Sierra Larkin

*Birthplace or Hometown:* San Diego, CA

*Major area of emphasis:* Environmental Security

## Alexandra Kachana Lim

*Birthplace or Hometown:* Phoenix, Arizona but grew up in Phnom Penh, Cambodia

*Major area of emphasis:* Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution

*Study abroad experience(s):* University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands

*Internship(s):* International Security Assistant at SDSU International Affairs

*Languages:* Khmer, English, Spanish (Intermediate), Dutch (Beginner) (Beginner)

*Graduate school/career plans:* Using cybersecurity to combat human trafficking.

*Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:*

The simulations are interesting. I am thankful that I was part of the Global Perspective Symposium program which gave me the platform to share my cultural experience from Cambodia.

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## Austin Mabrouk

*Birthplace or Hometown:* New Britain, Connecticut

*Major area of emphasis:* ISCOR

*Study abroad experience(s):* My experiences in Egypt, Jordan, and Israel in 2020 helped instill the many powerful voices of this world that need to be heard and experienced.

*Languages:* English

*Graduate school/career plans:* My hopes are to become a Diplomat for the United States of America and to work with refugees to help create a sustainable and safe life for many generations.

*Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:* The many simulations in Professor Graubart and Greb's classes that pushed our academic outlooks onto an international platform.



## Isabella Sophia Marquez

*Birthplace or Hometown:* San Diego, CA

*Major area of emphasis:* Justice in the Global System

*Study abroad experience(s):* Culture and Society of Tijuana

*Languages:* Spanish

*Graduate school/career plans:* I want to build a safe, functioning and loving homeless shelter and provide social services those in need.

*Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:* Yelling at somebody for taking a Greb simulation a little too seriously...and going to Hong Kong TJ for a class field trip :)

## Leslie Navarro

*Birthplace or Hometown:* Wilmington, Los Angeles

*Major area of emphasis:* ISCOR: Environment and Security; Minor: Sustainability and Spanish

*Study abroad experience(s):* I took LATAM 320 with Professor Clark-Alfaro and it was one of my favorite classes! Going to Tijuana every week allowed me to gain a deeper understanding of Tijuana's culture and society!

*Internship(s):* Kent Lee's campaign for City Council

*Languages:* English and Spanish

*Graduate school/career plans:* I will be taking a gap year and applying for internships to get more experience. After a year, I plan to apply for my Masters in Environmental Policy.

*Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:* I really enjoyed the simulations with Professor Greb!!



## Janae O'Connell

*Birthplace or Hometown:* Denton, TX

*Major area of emphasis:* Justice in a Global System

*Internship(s):* The Borgen Project--Writer/Journalist Intern

*Languages:* English, Mandarin

*Graduate school/career plans:* Attending the University of Pittsburgh to obtain my Master of Public and International Affairs. Then pursuing a career in the intelligence field.

*Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:* All the arguments and collaborations in Greb's simulations.





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Monica Oseguera Rodriguez

*Birthplace or Hometown:* National City, CA  
*Major area of emphasis:* Justice in the Global System  
*Internship(s):* Sayap Africa  
*Languages:* English & Spanish  
*Graduate school/career plans:* **Starting my Master's at the University of San Diego**  
*Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:* Simulations with Professor Greb!!!

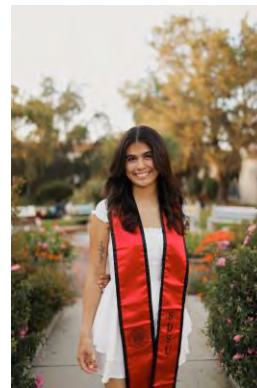
Sarah O'Toole

*Birthplace or Hometown:* Frederick, Maryland  
*Major area of emphasis:* Justice in the Global System  
*Study abroad experience(s):* School of International Training; Morocco- Migration and Transnational Identity  
*Internship(s):* Legal Intern at Jewish Family Services in their Immigration Department; Intern at Délégation Diocésaine des Migrations in Tangier, Morocco working with migrants from all over Sub-Saharan Africa.  
*Graduate school/career plans:* AmeriCorps volunteer at Jewish Family Services in their Immigration Department for 1 year and then attend law school to become an immigration attorney.  
*Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:* I can't pick just one memorable experience as an ISCOR major, but my favorite memories were all of Dr. Greb's post- **simulation Oggi's celebrations and planning the ISCOR GALA** with the ISCOR Student Society. Additionally, being a part of such a tight knit ISCOR community was incredibly special and something I will always be grateful for.



Serena Rojas

*Birthplace or Hometown:* Bakersfield, CA  
*Major area of emphasis:* Justice in the Global System  
*Study abroad experience(s):* Fundacion Samaritana Amar Y Servir in Medellin, Colombia (Women and Children Welfare Nonprofit)  
*Internship(s):* Three Time Youth Programs Intern with the International Rescue Committee, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Student Worker with the County of San Diego, Migrant Shelter Case Worker Intern with Catholic Charities  
*Languages:* Spanish  
*Graduate school/career plans:* Refugee Resettlement Services with the International Rescue Committee  
*Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:* Interning abroad in my family's home country of Colombia!



Sierra Sahagun

*Birthplace or Hometown:* Mission Viejo, California  
*Major area of emphasis:* Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution  
*Internship(s):* CSA San Diego County  
*Languages:* Arabic  
*Graduate school/career plans:* Human Rights Internship Program in the West Bank at the Excellence Center of Palestine.  
*Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:* Getting to know other ISCOR students during the simulations with Professor Greb.

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Ashley Simmons

*Birthplace or Hometown:* San Diego, CA  
*Major area of emphasis:* Justice in The Global System  
*Internship(s):* San Diego Diplomacy Council  
*Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:*  
**Simulations in Professor Greb's classes**



Aarya Vaidya

*Birthplace or Hometown:* Fremont, California  
*Major area of emphasis:* Justice in the Global System  
*Study abroad experience(s):* Lithuania  
*Internship(s):* Council on Foreign Relations

Jonna Wallin

*Birthplace or Hometown:* Mjølby, Sweden  
*Major area of emphasis:* Justice in the Global System  
*Study abroad experience(s):* International Student  
*Internship(s):* American Committee of Foreign  
Relations: Young Leader Initiative 2020, Independent  
Study Internship Political Science with Dr. Andrea  
Haupt 2019  
*Languages:* Swedish, English, Spanish  
*Graduate school/career plans:* My one-year work visa in  
the U.S just got approved this week, so I'm staying here  
for some time off and some work experience. After that I  
am most likely off to Grad School in Europe.  
*Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:*  
Becoming part of a network and community of like-  
minded students and professors that is truly unique, and  
having ISCOR really become part of your identity.  
Thanks to Professor Graubart for making it possible for  
me to do ISCOR in a year, it was worth all the units. And  
thanks to Dr. Greb (and Oggi's, and Eureka) for making  
it so much fun. Connections and memories for life!

