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PROFILE

I am a South African Rhodes Scholar, Allan Gray Fellow, and DPhil (PhD) candidate in International Relations at the University of Oxford. I hold three degrees, have four years of award-winning experience at the highest levels of student leadership, and previously worked with the One South Africa Movement (now Build One South Africa), directly with the former Leader of the Opposition in South Africa, Mmusi Maimane MP. I strive to improve prospects for sustainable and inclusive development in Africa through my research into the politics of international energy cooperation, investigating international electricity trade in Southern and Eastern Africa. I have conducted almost 100 elite/expert interviews across three continents for this research, which I have presented at numerous reputable energy conferences. My PhD is fully funded by the Rhodes Trust, the Oppenheimer Memorial Trust, and St Catherine's College. Along with my research, I am a Trustee of the Oxford Climate Alumni Network, a registered charity leveraging the Oxford alumni network towards solving the climate crisis.

EDUCATION & RESEARCH

DPhil in International Relations

2023-

University of Oxford (Department of Politics & International Relations | St Catherine's College)

Thesis topic: Regional Energy Integration & the Geopolitics of International Electricity Trade in Southern and Eastern Africa

Supervisor: [Prof Ricardo Soares de Oliveira](#)

MPhil in International Relations

2021-2023

University of Oxford (Department of Politics & International Relations | University College)

Graduated with merit, with distinctions in research methods and "Politics of Africa" courses

Thesis: ['Regional Powers & Energy Integration: South Africa in the Southern African Power Pool'](#)

Supervisor: [Prof Ricardo Soares de Oliveira](#)

Bachelor of Social Science Honours in International Relations

2020

University of Cape Town (Department of Political Studies)

Graduated with distinction, with distinctions for all courses and thesis (78.43% GPA)

Thesis topic: 'The Divergence between the African Union's Peace Mandate and the Interests of Its Member States'

Supervisor: [Emeritus Prof John Akokpari](#)

Class medals (top student in class): *International Political Economy*, *International Mediation*, and *Theories of IR* (3/4 classes)

Bachelor of Commerce in Politics, Philosophy & Economics (PPE)

2017-2019

University of Cape Town (School of Economics)

Graduated top student in class, with distinction in Economics (78.33% GPA)

Class medals (top student in class): *South Africa Public Policy Analysis* and *Introduction to Information Systems*

Dean's Merit List every year and Golden Key International Honour Society

National Senior Certificate (South Africa)

2012-2016

Bishops Diocesan College, Cape Town, Western Cape

First in grade, 8 distinctions, and 96% GPA

Top 20 students in the province

SCHOLARSHIPS

Oppenheimer Memorial Trust International Scholarship (2023-)

St Catherine's College Graduate Scholarship (2023-)

Rhodes Scholarship (2021-)

Univ-Rhodes Trust Studentship (2021-2023)

Allan Gray Fellowship (2017-2020) ([entrepreneurship programme](#))

Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship (UCT) (2017-2019)

Provincial Education Department Merit List (2016)

LANGUAGES

English (home language)

French (CEFR level B1+)

Afrikaans (6 years' study)

Spanish (3-month exchange in Argentina and Chile)

isiXhosa (1 year's study)

STUDENT LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Founding Chair, the Rhodes Trust's Working Group on a Rhodes Southern African Trip	2024-
Postgraduate Divisional Representative for the Social Sciences Division, Oxford	2023
- Student representative sitting on the Division's senior committees (list of committee membership)	
Course Representative for the MPhil in International Relations degree programme, Oxford	2022-23
Founding Secretary, Oxford Postgraduate Consultation Group (PGCG)	2022-23
- Group within Oxford Student's Union providing policy and consultative advice to University management	
Residences & Housing Coordinator, UCT Students' Representative Council (SRC)	2018-19
- Top student leadership body at UCT / student governance and advocacy / list of committee membership	
Secretary and Management Committee, UCT Student Parliament	2018-19
Chairperson, UCT Academic Representatives' Council (ARC)	2017-18
Deputy Head Student, Leo Marquard Hall Residence, UCT	2017-18
Junior Councillor, Junior City Council of Cape Town	2014-15
Leadership awards:	
- 2x UCTPlus Gold Leadership Awards	2018-19
- UCT Student Leadership Excellence Award	2018
- President's Award Bronze, Silver and Gold Level Holder	2013-2016

WORK EXPERIENCE

Trustee and Board Member of the Oxford Climate Alumni Network	Sept 2024 -
<i>Registered Charity Number 1196449 (UK)</i>	
Trustee providing governance, financial oversight, and strategic direction for charity operating worldwide	
Research Assistant for Prof Ricardo Soares de Oliveira	Nov 2023 - Aug 2024
<i>University of Oxford</i>	
Data collection/analysis and drafting of research briefs on themes of offshore financial jurisdictions and extractive industries	
Research Assistant for Prof Karolina Milewicz	July 2022 - Nov 2022
<i>University of Oxford/University of Bayreuth</i>	
Drafting course syllabi and content for <i>Introduction to International Relations</i> and <i>Research Design</i> courses	
Teaching the <i>Critical Theory in International Relations</i> class (remotely to University of Bayreuth students)	
Intern at the One South Africa Movement	April 2021 - Aug 2021
<i>Now Build One South Africa</i>	
Worked underneath former Leader of the Opposition, Mmusi Maimane MP, in preparation for 2021 local government elections	
Op-eds / speeches / electoral submissions / education policy / municipal profiles / strategy / Twitter presenter / debating	

CONFERENCE SPEAKER & PANEL ROLES

Speaker at Africa Energies Summits 2023 and 2024	May 2023 and May 2024
<i>London, United Kingdom</i>	
Panellist at both Summits, regional energy integration and young professionals in the African energy sector panels	
Speaker at Powering Africa Summit 2024	March 2024
<i>Washington, D.C., United States</i>	
Panellist on electricity transmission infrastructure panel	
Speaker at Africa Energy Forum's Youth Energy Summit 2023	June 2023
<i>Nairobi, Kenya</i>	
2x panellist, on public-private partnerships in the energy sector and on student perspectives in the energy sector panels	
Appointed to the Global Advisory Board	
Received EnergyNet Founder's Award for Youth Contributions to the Energy Sector	
Delegate at Yale Model African Union 2022	May 2022
<i>Kigali, Rwanda</i>	
Awarded Best Delegation	
Delegate at 'Change the World' Model United Nations 2020	June 2020
<i>Virtual Conference</i>	
Awarded Best Delegation and Delegates' Award	
Speaker at University of Cape Town Teaching & Learning Conference 2018	July 2018
<i>Cape Town, South Africa</i>	
First-ever undergraduate presenter, co-presenting on the impact of student-staff interaction in leadership	