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**Josef Korbel School Degree program:** MA [International Security](#), Certificate in [Homeland Security](#), 2012

**Undergraduate Institution/Major:** University of Idaho; BA International Studies, BA French Language

**Tell us about yourself:**

I'm from Anchorage, AK. I knew early on in high school that I wanted to study international affairs in college. In my undergrad, I double majored in International Studies and French language. I was able to study abroad twice. The first time was for an intensive French language program at l'Université Laval in Québec City, Québec. The second time was in Geneva, Switzerland where I interned at the Geneva Center for Security Policy while taking the last few credits I needed to graduate. Geneva had a strong impact on my decision to continue my education with a focus in international security.

**What brought you to the Josef Korbel School?**

Korbel is unique in having an International Security degree. That itself was hard to find in other institutions. But the deciding factor for me was the flexibility of the programs. Korbel stood out from other schools in that it allowed students the opportunity to personalize their education. At Korbel, two students in the same program may have very distinct experiences based on the concentrations they choose, the internships they complete, and the focus of their research.

**Internship Site:** [INTERPOL Washington](#)

**Intern Title:** Intern, Human Trafficking and Child Protection Division

**Main responsibilities:**

The work I did on a daily basis was in support of investigations being conducted by criminal analysts within the Human Trafficking and Child Protection division. Depending on the day, I would either be working with human trafficking/smuggling cases, child abductions, sex offender notices, or child pornography and online solicitation cases.

**What's the most important lesson you learned during your internship?**

Most people are eager to share their experiences with you. Take advantage of coworkers because the advice they give you may be as important as the actual work you are doing for the internship.

**How did the Josef Korbel School prepare you for your internship?**

At a basic level, I was familiar with the issues dealt with by INTERPOL in a broad context because of my security background. Korbel also prepared me to write a large amount of information in a concise and organized manner.

**What are your career goals?**

I would like to pursue my interest in illegal trafficking issues by working for the government or with a non-profit. I'm keeping my options open because I'm only starting my career and I know that any experience I have will provide me with a valuable opportunity to use my education towards the mission of that organization.

**Favorite classes/professors/memories at Korbel?**

My favorite class so far has been Homeland Security, Civil Liberties, and Human Rights with [Lewis Griffith](#). Besides the fact that Griffith can make even Research Methods interesting, this class asked students to weigh security concerns against civil liberties and determine whether current homeland security policies are adequate for addressing the perceived level of threat posed by terrorism.

-Sarah Crozier, MA Candidate, International Development  
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