PARTICIPANT BIOS



Josh Bostick

Joshua Bostick earned his bachelor's and Master's degrees from Stanford University and was the Social Science Research Coordinator of the Virtual Human Interaction Lab (VHIL) in Stanford, California. His Master's thesis, Experiencing Nature: Embodying animals in immersive virtual environments increases inclusion of nature in self and involvement with nature (2016, Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication), investigated virtual reality technologies' ability to increase empathy through body-transfer, where experiment subjects embodied the avatar of a shorthorn cow in a fully immersive

virtual environment. He has been working in the virtual reality technologies space since 2009 with three years of experience as a Protocol Director creating, designing, and running experiments at the Virtual Human Interaction Lab. Joshua lives in the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area, where he is studying at George Washington University to earn his Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Science in Information Systems (MSIST) focusing on social entrepreneurship, artificial intelligence, and machine learning, and IT systems management. He is also earning his doctorate from the University of Southern California and will begin his dissertation defense in 2023. He has a background in design thinking, UX research, and innovation that he leverages to assist companies focused on bringing products, programs, and services from ideation to market. As a senior agile practitioner in Scrum (CSM, CSPO) and Lean principles combined with his experience as a Senior Product Manager at SAP he's had extensive experience running distributed teams remotely for his clients like SAP, Nestle, Nike, Burberry, Tory Burch, and Under Armour.



Nick Bradley

Nick Bradley was born in Silver Spring, MD, but has spent most of his life in Connecticut. Currently, he is a senior at the University of Richmond studying Finance and International Business. Nick is interested in pursuing a career in commercial real estate but has always been interested in how international business is conducted. This may come from his love of travel; he has been to over 15 countries and tries to explore the world whenever he has the opportunity. Some of Nick's other hobbies include golf, skiing, PC gaming and the stock market, all of which he started taking an interest in from a young age.





Catalina Campos

Catalina Campos is an undergraduate student in International Relations at the Elliott School of International Affairs.



Shree Dhanani

Shree Dhanani is a senior at The George Washington University in Washington, DC. She is studying Business Administration with a double concentration in Business Analytics and International Business, as well as a minor in Spanish Language & Culture. During her college career, she has had the opportunity to be a Fellow at a virtual reality start-up, an Intern at an artificial intelligence firm, and a Managing Partner in a consulting student organization. With her BBA, Shree plans to go into management and strategic consulting. She wants to work with a company that is socially responsible, promotes its employees to

be civically engaged, and utilizes the power of data for internal and external initiatives. With her minor in Spanish, Shree hopes to utilize her language skills with clients who prefer to converse in Spanish or if she works abroad somewhere in Latin America. Shree is a first-generation Indian-American student from Atlanta, GA. Her favorite thing to do in a new city is to engage with locals to find the best food spots. Her interests include analog photography, trying new recipes, and exploring different cultures.



Alexandra Duque

Alexandra Duque is a junior studying International Business with a minor in Economics. She is or has been involved in activities and organizations such as the GW Wind Ensemble, GW Class Council, and Deloitte's Core Consulting Series. She is also a current intern at Equitable and a future summer intern with the Department of Homeland Security. She has decided to participate in the CIBER International Business Bootcamp to expand her knowledge on international business and better prepare herself for a global career through the CGBP exam. Alexandra has always been interested in business, but upon

arriving at GW, she learned about international business and all the opportunities it has to offer greatly excite her. She aspires to attend law school once she graduates and to pursue a global career that intersects both law and economics. When she is not busy with academics, Alexandra enjoys going to the gym, spending time with friends, and exploring new places.





Tangy Franks

A Passionate, dependable Workforce Development (CWDP) professional, Tangy Franks was born and raised in the heart of the Bay Area. A skilled problem solver, she uses her strengths to impact local issues in her community. Tangy enjoys working in the public sector and has a relentless commitment to social change. Boasting a vast professional background, she is most proud of creating programs with the state and local counties to decrease unemployment. In the past, she delivered recruiting services for the City of San Francisco's Office of Economic and Workforce Development. Providing technical

assistance to 50+ SF-funded agencies to champion SF Jobs Portal launch & special projects. Screening over 1,500+ job seekers. Also responsible for all aspects of program development & managerial duties with Government Solutions, she exceeded program deliverables & compliance through the City of San Francisco workforce grant. She partnered with San Francisco's Office of Economic and Workforce Development facilitating the branding and marketing for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act programs. Which included but is not limited to the First Source Hiring Program to more than 300 San Francisco employers. She also functioned as the Multi-site human resource manager, analyzing and reporting on over 34 data points under surveillance of state & federal policies & guidelines. Tangy is committed to learning, she has obtained multiple degrees and certificates including Real Estate, Economics, Accounting, Business Administration, Finance, and Supply Chain Management. She's an asset to any organization bringing valuable skills to both sectors. Tangy believes work is not just about what we do, but the change we can make. She feels it is our human obligation to build and empower our communities to ensure equal access. Creating an inclusive culture that is truly reflective of humanity's rich diversity. Positioning herself between organizations and public sectors has allowed her to embody an open-ended dialogue in transparency creating a powerful mechanism of change.



Rafael Brito Gropen

Rafael Gropen is an international Student from Belo Horizonte, Brazil. He is currently a sophomore in the School of Business at GW planning to major in international business with a concentration in finance. On campus, he is active in a few clubs and organizations such as: BRASA at GW (Brazilian Association) as the VP of Internal Communication, MZZ Ventures as a Student Consultant, and the Club Volleyball Team. As for his professional aspirations, they include: Gaining experience in both the International Business and finance industry to eventually start his own business.





Sachin Kumar

Sachin Kumar Ravichandran is a Global MBA Candidate at the George Washington University School of Business. Prior to starting his MBA program, he was a Research Analyst at the Embassy of India's Commerce Wing. In this role, Sachin worked at the intersection of international business development, supply chain management, and trade policy research with the goal of advancing the India-U.S. commercial relationship. In his four years at the Embassy, he worked with U.S. government counterparts to resolve bilateral trade issues, facilitated negotiations towards trade agreements, and delivered

policy papers to advance Indian exports. He has also worked extensively with American companies that maintain large operations in India, helping them navigate the Indian market and identify new opportunities for investment. Prior to joining the Embassy, Sachin was heavily involved in research-intensive work, interning at multiple think tanks across Washington, DC while earning his BA in International Affairs. In an increasingly globalized world, Sachin believes that maintaining a cross-cultural business perspective and valuing diversity is essential for any company to succeed in the 21st Century. Sachin's personal exposure to multiple cultures and knowledge of languages such as Hindi and Chinese have been an asset throughout his career and education.



Hansi Lara

Hansi Lara is currently in her first year of an MBA program with a concentration in International Business at UDC. She is originally from Bogota, Colombia, with a background in Public Accounting graduated in 2016 in my home country. She has had experience working for private companies in the finance, and audit sector for at least 5 years. In her last experience working as an audit associate at KPMG, Hansi was able to be part of a team working with many financial clients on their engagements and reports for control entities in Colombia and the US. She also has prior experience in accounting

working with other companies before the firm. Hansi has lived in the US for almost 4 years and she can tell it has been a great experience, full of challenges. Having the chance to visit 5 other countries has let her to believe that she is a global citizen! She considers herself a dedicated, and honest person. She personally thinks it is wonderful to have the opportunity to learn from a company and improve the processes based on one's experience. Things that Hansi loves are cycling, cooking, and sewing at home.



Ryan Mulrenan

Ryan Mulrenan is from Overland Park, Kansas. He is currently a freshman at George Washington University studying International Affairs and International Business. He also plans to minor in music as a pianist and a violinist in the orchestra. In his free time, Ryan enjoys reading, running, swimming, tennis, and much more. He looks forward to gaining a stronger background in international trade in order to eventually work on international economics at a government agency.





Rachael Rusnov

Rachael Rusnov is in the Masters of International Business program at George Washington. This is her second semester here at GW. She will be graduating in spring 2024. Before coming to George Washington, Rachael received her Bachelor's of Science in Marketing and Management with a minor in International Business Administration from the Pennsylvania State University – Harrisburg in 2019. She recently resigned from her full-time job to come back to school. She was previously an Account Manager at a local insurance agency in PA. She is currently in the process of becoming a Research Specialist

for Dr. Ballesteros to work with him on his Brexit project. Rachael's goal for after graduation is to be able to help businesses with uncertainty with events such as Brexit. She is looking forward to this Bootcamp so that she can deepen her skills in global business and trade.



Yugdeep Shokeen

Yugdeep Shokeen is a senior at The George Washington University with a major in International Business and a minor in Organizational Sciences. In future, Yugdeep would like to work full time on his Tea manufacturing start-up that he started during the pandemic as well as help expand the family business. Having grown up in an entrepreneurial family, Yugdeep has learnt first-hand the kind of effort and attitude that is required to be a successful businessperson. Yugdeep had also done a small internship program with a hotel in Delhi where he was involved in revenue analytics and research

related to optimum utilization of resources. Learning about cultures has always fascinated Yugdeep. Having travelled to many places and observed different cultures, Yugdeep has developed an instinct for understanding and appreciating places and cultures different from his own.



Hieu Vo

Hieu "Holly" Vo is currently in the Professional MBA program at GWU, focusing on the intersection of international business and sustainable tourism. Before coming to GWU, for over 5 years, Holly was a leader in the education and nonprofit management field, with experiences ranging from tutoring students with AmeriCorps in Washington DC to teaching English to Chilean students via Programa Inglés Abre Puertas by UNDP, and managing the biggest program at Paper Airplanes, serving internally-displaced persons from the MENA region. After 2 years assisting the Economics section at the Embassy of

Japan in DC, Holly has decided to pursue her dream of working in tourism while applying her business acumen and skill set through a full time internship at <u>Airline Tariff Publishing Company (ATPCO)</u>, with a headquarter in Dulles and global offices in London, Sofia, and Singapore. Holly graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park with a degree in Linguistics and a minor in Chinese. She is also fluent in Vietnamese, conversational in Spanish, and is learning Italian for her upcoming Fall 2022 exchange semester in Milan. She is also giving back to the GWU community by coaching undergraduate students through the <u>Office for Student Success</u>. She plans to take and pass the CGBP exam in June 2022.

