

# Claire Branstetter

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## Education:

University of Kansas: Honors Program, 3.93 GPA Aug 2013 - May 2017 (4 years)

*Bachelor of Arts in Economics*

*Bachelor of Arts in Global and International Studies*

*Bachelor of Arts in Political Science*

Universidad de Costa Rica

Jan - July 2015 (7 months)

## Research Experience:

Report for African Development Bank: *Gender and Inclusive Growth in Africa*

- Provided research assistance to Professor Elizabeth Asiedu including writing, editing, compiling a database(Excel), and creating tables
- Recommended data for the domestic violence section based on volunteer experience at local women's shelter
- First on the team to identify trends in the data by graphing the number of women in parliament against the implementation years of quota laws

Political Inclusion of Women: University of Kansas Undergraduate Research Symposium

- Presentation and discussion of my research on gender quotas in front of peers, professors, and the director of the Global and International Studies BA program

Refugee Integration in Wichita, Kansas: International Studies Capstone Research Project

- Integrated literature review using strategic coding of academic articles
- Social Capital Theory- theoretical framework
- Create city-specific trend graphs and time-series tables by compiling federal-level data from government agencies like U.S. Citizenship and Immigration services and local sources like Sedgwick County Health Department.
- Discovered African civil society organizations facilitate use of Wichita transit system by Swahili-speaking migrants
- Found evidence of civil society fostering integration despite negative political conditions

Evaluating Refugee Integration using Kansas Employment Data: Econometrics

- Used Stata to regress the effect of years in the United States on income for likely refugee populations
- Found refugee status has a significant and negative effect on income, and refugees are not likely to integrate for 10-20 years in terms of increased income

## Communication Skills:

Testified in front of the Senate Judiciary Committee of the Kansas Legislature

- Initiated an amendment to current domestic violence laws to better protect survivors by prohibiting the public disclosure of shelter locations
- Coordinated with legislative lawyers as well as lobbyists from the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence to create legal language

University of Kansas Tuition Advisory Committee

- Selected to represent students in meetings with professors and high level university officials
- As a legislative intern, diplomatically explained the concerns of Senator Arpke regarding financial decisions of the university

Interpreter and Community Builder at *SoCe Life*: a non-profit which creates social capital

- Meeting, networking, and building relationships with neighbors in order to identify and connect the skills, goals, and interests of community members to one another
- Made connections with the Spanish-speaking community

#### Fundraising/Guest Speaker

- Woodlawn United Methodist Church: Explained and advocated for the asset-based community development work of *SoCe Life*
  - Brought in revenue
- InterVarsity Campus Ministries: Spring Conference Speaker

### Event Planning:

#### International Focus

- Established conversation partner exchange between my Swahili class and Angel House Secondary School in mTanzania
- Planned and taught Spanish lessons as an intern at *SoCe Life*, English lessons as a volunteer at the Universidad de Costa Rica

#### InterVarsity Campus Ministries

- Planned and implemented outreach events, social functions, and bible studies as the leader of the Greek branch of InterVarsity
- Organized a group trip to a conference in Indianapolis

#### Camp Counselor

- Worked on a team to plan the schedule for 20-50 campers each week
- Coordinated resources and space with other groups

### Work Experience

#### Internships

- Bilingual Intern, *SoCe Life*, Wichita KS (Summer 2016)
- Intern for Senator Tom Arpke, *Kansas Legislature*, Topeka KS (Spring 2016)

#### Jobs

- Research Assistant, *University of Kansas Economics Dept.*, Lawrence KS (Fall 2015)
- Camp counselor, *Horizon Retreat Center*, Winfield KS (Summer 2014)
- Lifeguard, *Rock River Rapids Aquatic Center*, Derby KS (Summer 2011- 2013)

#### Volunteering

- Advocate, *Willow Domestic Violence Center*, Lawrence KS (Fall 2015- Present)
- Optometric Service Trips, *Rotary International*, Panamá (Feb 2008, 2012, 2016)
- Tutoring English Language Learners, *Lawrence High School* (Fall 2013-Spring 2014)
- Women's English Conversation Group, *Islamic Center*, Lawrence (Fall 2013- 2014)

### Languages:

Spanish- Professional working proficiency; fluent reading and writing

Swahili- Beginner, 8 hours of coursework

### Honors and Awards:

Phi Beta Kappa: Inducted Junior Year (Spring 2016)

Eldon Fields Award: (Spring 2016)

- Nominated by faculty as an outstanding senior in Political Science

General Scholarship from the Foundation for Global Scholars: (Spring 2015)

- National study abroad scholarships awarded to empower global change makers