

CHARLIE CLEWIS

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EDUCATION

- University of Oxford**, Oxford, UK – M.Phil. 10/24 – 06/26
- Degree: Modern Middle Eastern Studies
 - Intensive Modern Standard Arabic (Level 3: Upper-Intermediate)
- The French Institute of the Near East**, Beirut, Lebanon 07/25 – 10/25
- Intensive Arabic Language Courses in Literature, Media, and Levantine Dialect
- Gettysburg College**, Gettysburg, USA – B.A., *Magna Cum Laude*, Phi Beta Kappa 09/16 – 05/20
- Majors: International Affairs & Political Science
 - Semester abroad in Tunis, Tunisia
 - Four-year Army ROTC Scholarship

CAREER EXPERIENCE

- Graduate Researcher and Writer – Oxford, UK** 10/24 – Present
- Investigated U.S. humanitarian aid to Syria in my master's thesis. Research methods included conducting interviews with senior U.S. officials, filing FOIA requests, and utilizing federal databases and other OSINT sources.
 - Published a longform feature article on the Syrian Civil War which encompassed extensive research, on-the-ground reporting, and interviews with leaders in Washington, DC.
 - Conducting preliminary research for a story detailing Americans charged and currently imprisoned for supporting Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), a formerly designated terrorist organization. Collecting court filings and transcripts on PACER, consulting social media, and reviewing U.S. legal statutes.
- U.S. Army Officer – al Tanf, Syria / Fort Drum, NY** 05/20 – 09/24
- Advised the Syrian Free Army (SFA) media and civil affairs teams for nine months. Provided support in investigating Russian and Syrian Regime media disinformation, implementing humanitarian projects, and corresponding with media and U.S. Coalition leaders.
 - Planned and conducted over 50 engagements with local community leaders and rebel commanders, strengthening relationships and encouraging direct relations between Americans and Syrian civilians.
 - Collected and reported critical first-hand information to U.S. leadership on the Rukban Refugee Camp, briefing Deputy Commanding Generals on the issue.
 - Led and managed a team of forward observers responsible for planning and executing artillery and air support for a reconnaissance troop of over 80 scouts throughout dozens of training exercises.
- Associate Editor, *Gettysburg Social Sciences Review*** 09/19 – 05/20
- Worked with a small team of editors to publish the journal's annual edition, *Volume 4, Issue 1*.
 - Reviewed and edited submissions to the journal, working closely with writers to strengthen prose, verify citations, and refine arguments – while keeping the voice of the author present throughout the piece.
 - Advised and provided Managing Editors with feedback and recommendations on a piece's feasibility for publication in the journal.
- Strategy/Plans Research Intern, U.S. Africa Command – Stuttgart, Germany** 07/19 – 09/19
- Compiled research and completed a Cyber and Technology Information Paper on Chinese and Russian economic affairs in Africa and their political activities in the IT sector.
 - Completed pioneering quantitative data collection and qualitative analysis of the levels of U.S. presence and impact in each individual African country, briefing senior leadership on the research.

- Reviewed and revised publications from the State Department Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Naval Postgraduate School, and the Joint Assessment Executive Summary prior to Congressional testimony.

Political Section Intern, U.S. Department of State – Accra, Ghana

05/18 – 08/18

- Organized and facilitated training for Ghanaian law enforcement, judicial service, and security officials.
- Researched and drafted the Bi-Annual Report on State Department’s efforts to Combat Transnational Organized Crime in Ghana, compiling data from a host of USG, Ghanaian, and international sources.
- Researched and drafted Decision Memoranda to Ambassador Jackson on protracted Togolese refugees in Ghana, resulting in meeting with Ghana’s Minister of Interior.
- After traveling to the Western Region to meet Ghana’s singular Jewish community, published an informative cable to Washington on the state of religious freedom in Ghana.
- Served as the U.S. representative and delivered remarks at the graduation of a Department of Labor-funded vocational school on World Day Against Child Labor.

PUBLISHED WRITING, PHOTOGRAPHY, & EXHIBITION SELECTIONS

Conflict and Daily Life Exhibition – University of Oxford, UK	11/25
“Syria’s Forgotten Island of Opposition” (Print) - <i>Los Angeles Review of Books Magazine</i>	12/24
Still Life Exhibition – Glasgow Gallery of Photography, UK	11/24
Golden Hour Exhibition – Glasgow Gallery of Photography, UK	10/24
The Still Life Exhibition – Praxis Gallery, Minneapolis, USA.	10/24
Issue #124 Cities – F-Stop Magazine, Digital	

JOURNALISM & PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Military Reporters/Editors Journalism Contest 2025 – Honorable Mention, Enterprise/Feature Reporting
Overseas Press Club of America Foundation – 2025 Scholar Award
International Photography Awards 2024 – 2nd Place in Editorial/Press, War/Conflict (Non-Pro)
Analog Sparks Film Photography Awards 2024 – Gold in Photojournalism/Conflict (Non-Pro)
Praxis Gallery ‘The Still Life Exhibition’ 2024 – Honorable Mention for Director’s/Juror’s Choice Award