

# Zachary Rapaport

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## EDUCATION

**Carnegie Mellon University**  
Bachelor of Humanities & Arts  
(2016 – 2020)

Primary Majors: Global  
Studies and Art

Additional Major: Hispanic  
Studies

Creative Humanities Honors  
Thesis: A book of the lawn  
the size of the lawn.  
[lawnbook.org](http://lawnbook.org)

Global Studies Capstone:  
Taking Back the City through  
Art: Visual Testimony and  
Shifting Visions of Artistic  
Intervention in Oaxaca,  
Mexico

### CMU Against ICE

Coordinator for “Driving PA  
Forward” (August 2019 –  
December 2020)

Coordinated with a  
statewide coalition of  
community organizations to  
advance legislation  
providing unmarked drivers  
licenses to all PA residents.

### CMU Facilitating Opportunities for Refugee Growth and Empowerment

President & In-Home Tutor  
(August 2016 – May 2020)

Partnered with community  
organizations to provide in-  
home ESL tutoring to  
resettled refugee families.  
Spearheaded after school  
programming for refugee  
youth.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM), New York, NY**  
NYC Urban Fellow, Planning Unit (October 2020 – Present)

- Selected to participate in a nine-month public policy fellowship sponsored by the City of New York.
- Through a placement at NYCEM, support the City’s emergency response to COVID-19 and plan for cascading impacts.
- Initiated interagency plan-sharing project to streamline stakeholder access to emergency planning documents.

**WaterWalks: Creative Action for Community Justice, Pittsburgh, PA**  
Co-Founder & Artistic Director (May 2018 – April 2021)

- Collaborated with artists, community organizations, and students/researchers to create “WaterWalks” (participatory experiences) that bring together diverse stakeholders and center marginalized issues in Pittsburgh’s water crisis.
- Managed all financial components, including grant writing, honorarium payments to collaborators, and operational expenses.
- Built community partnerships to advise on and co-create programming.

### The Frame Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA

Business Manager (May 2019 – May 2020)

- Managed gallery finances, operations, and artist grant programs.
- Secured \$42,000 in grant funding to undertake a major interior renovation project.

### 412 Food Rescue, Pittsburgh, PA

Food Recovery Operations Intern (May – August 2018)

- Worked with community stakeholders, including restaurants and food stores, to redirect unsellable yet perfectly good food to nonprofit organizations before it entered the waste stream.

### Just Harvest, Pittsburgh, PA

Fresh Access Coordinator (March – August 2018)

- Partnered with community-based organizations to expand Fresh Access, a program that enables SNAP (nutrition assistance) benefits to be used at local farmers markets.

### NextEra Energy Resources, Juno Beach, FL

Wind Origination Intern (May – August 2017)

- Designed and implemented an optimized customer relationship management (CRM) platform to function across the renewable energy departments (wind, solar, storage).