

# Karuna Vikram

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## Education

### **Columbia University**

New York, NY May 2023

*Bachelor of Arts in History*

- GPA: 4.055 out of 4.0

### **Hunter College High School**

New York, NY June 2019

- GPA: 3.99 out of 4.0 (Unweighted)

## Social Science and Law

### **Interning with Judge John Zhuo Wang, Kings County Housing Court**

September-December 2020

- Drafted decisions, observed civil trials, and conducted legal research involving case law and statutory interpretation

### **Working with Columbia and Stony Brook Universities in connection with the Sierra Club**

June-August 2020

- Analyzed over a hundred thousand files on industry and toxins obtained through a FOIA filed with the EPA under Scott Pruitt

### **ToxicDocs at Columbia University**

2018-2021

- Researched and wrote about previously secret documents like internal company memos and evidence from toxic tort cases, about industrial poisons in published blog posts. Worked with Professors Chowkwanyun and Rosner.

## Extra Curriculars

### **Columbia Journal of Asia**

2021-2022

- Founding member of the journal, Director of Peer Review

### **Columbia Journal of History**

2021-2022

- Editor for one of the only undergraduate history journals in the country

### **Columbia Undergraduate Law Review (CULR)**

2020-2021

- Writer and editor for Columbia's prestigious and competitive undergraduate law review
- Developed a College Immigrant's Know Your Rights Manual, uniquely by students, for students

### **Students For Sanctuary**

2021

- Mobilized students to fight for immigration justice; participated in clinics in partnership with New Sanctuary Coalition

### **Riverside Language Program**

2020-2021

- Volunteered to help recently arrived immigrants, asylees, and refugee adults in New York City learn English

### **Columbia College Financial Committee**

2019-2020

- Advanced an initiative to provide Metrocards for FGLI students, reviewed budgets and allotted funds to clubs

## Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

- **ThinkSwiss Summer Research Fellowship 2022** March 2022
  - Competitive fellowship to fund research in the arts and sciences in Switzerland
- **Columbia History Department Fellowship for Research in European Archives** April 2022
  - Competitive fellowship to fund research a senior thesis in History with research in Europe
- **Heinrich, Columbia College Summer Research Fellowship 2022** April 2022
  - Competitive fellowship to fund summer research for Columbia College students
- **Columbia University Center for Science and Society Seed Grant** February 2021
  - Awarded grant to research "The Politics of Vaccines and the Construction of Rumor and Knowledge in South Asia"
- **Guggenheim Fellowship in Criminal Justice** Summer 2020
  - Selected to work with Brooklyn Defender Services, but the program was unable to run due to COVID-19
- **Dean's List** Columbia University F2019, F2020, S2021, F2021

## Additional Skills

- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Photoshop, GIMP (photo editing/design software), Canva, and LexisNexis

- Fluent in Hindi, Urdu and Tamil, proficient in French