



# GLOBAL LEADERS OF PENN STATE

Global and International Studies  
Monthly Email Newsletter



## WELCOME

by **Cristina Cebotaru, Managing Editor**

Welcome to the first issue of *Global Leaders of Penn State*, the Global and International Studies (GLIS) program newsletter. To start, thank you so much for reading! It is our intention that this newsletter serve as a tool that will help current and future GLIS students navigate and learn more about their major through showcasing student and alumni stories and the opportunities that they have had. At this stage, we plan to release a few issues of this newsletter per semester in order to ensure that you are all able to stay up to date on what your fellow students and alumni are doing in their respective fields. Further, we will use this forum to introduce students to faculty and the research they are currently working on. Through this newsletter, we hope to demonstrate the versatility of the GLIS major in terms of what future careers can be pursued to reveal that while we are all GLIS majors, our individual paths are unique. If you have any feedback or would like to submit a story, please email [glis@psu.edu](mailto:glis@psu.edu). We look forward to hearing from you and cannot wait to show you all the opportunities that GLIS has to offer.

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# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

by Gianna Pinto, Undergraduate Student Relations



Augusta with former French President François Hollande in 2018.

**"I hold my time in Tunis, during which I got to meet many people from different countries, very close to my heart. I was able to have in-depth conversations regarding policy and see a passion for change in the world."**

**Augusta Rentenbach**  
**Class of '21**  
**Hometown: Knoxville, Tennessee**

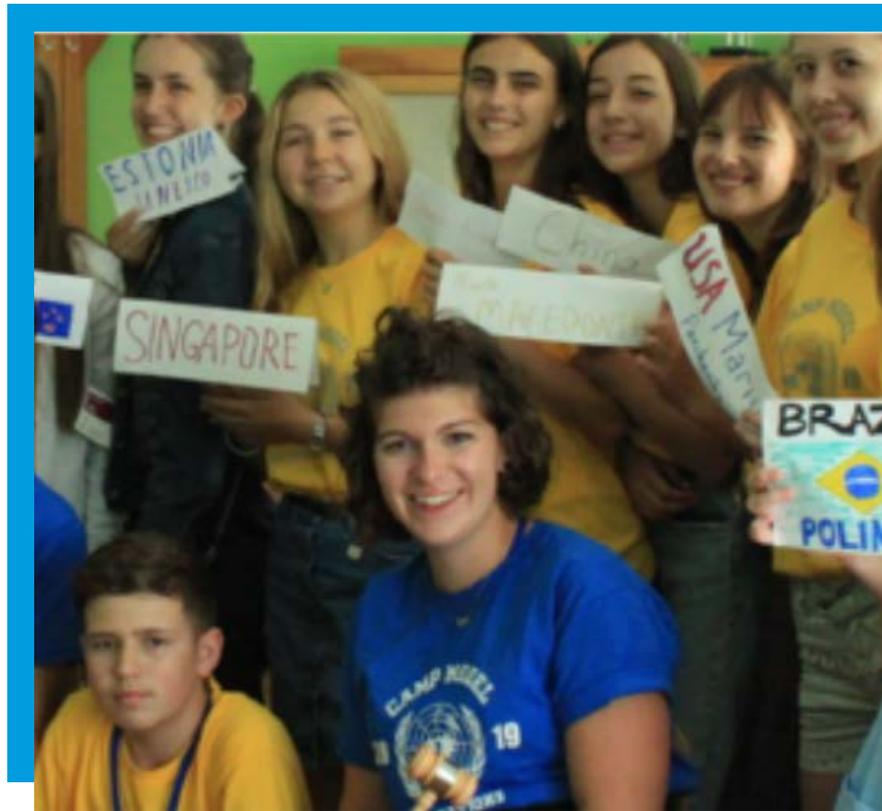
Augusta Rentenbach is a senior majoring in History and Global and International Studies with a focus in the Human Rights pathway. In addition, Augusta is a French minor. During her time at Penn State, Augusta has studied abroad twice—once in Besançon, France, and again in Paris, France, in the spring of 2020. Augusta has also participated in several internships, including an internship with RightsCon in Tunis, Tunisia (2019), an internship with Centre de Recherche sur les Droits de l'Homme et le Droit Humanitaire (The Research Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law) in Paris, France (spring 2020), and a research assistant for the Portulan's Institute based out of Washington, D.C. (summer 2020). Through her internships and study abroad experiences, Augusta showcases a broad understanding of what it means to be a global leader at Penn State and beyond.

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

by Kelly Zahour, Alumni Relations

**Alice Greider '18**  
**Humanitarian Innovation Fund Coordinator**  
**Elrha**

**"I did really enjoy the comparative cultures aspects of the GLIS major, and it helped me with my intercultural understanding later on."**



Alice while working with the Peace Corps in Ukraine.

Penn State alumna Alice Greider '18 was a Global and International Studies and International Politics double major, who found an interest in the comparative cultural aspects of GLIS. Alice found that GLIS helped her learn more about intercultural understanding, which benefited her later on in her career.

After graduating from Penn State, Alice joined the Peace Corps in Ukraine where she worked as a youth development volunteer, where she learned "intercultural communication was her bread and butter."

Alice worked with students of all ages on their critical and creative thinking, study skills, English language, leadership, and other "soft skills" development, which are largely deprioritized in the Ukrainian education system.

Alice is currently working in the United Kingdom for Elrha, a global charity that finds solutions to humanitarian problems through research and innovation, where she works to reshift humanitarian aid back into the hands of people who need it.

# MEET THE TEAM

*Global Leaders of Penn State* is brought to you by GLIS majors who answered the call to get involved and help build a GLIS community at Penn State. Cristina, Gianna, and Kelly have volunteered their time and energy to create this newsletter; gather stories of students, alumni, and faculty; and bring GLIS majors and minors together.



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***Global Leaders of Penn State* is looking to expand our team! If you are interested in contributing or submitting a story, please email us at [glis@psu.edu](mailto:glis@psu.edu).**



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