

# John Chisholm

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## EDUCATION

**Wesleyan University**, Middletown, CT Fall 2005-Present  
Bachelor of Arts Candidate, May 2009; Major: Government; Certificates: Environmental Studies, International Relations  
GPA: 3.88/4.0

**University of Amsterdam**, Amsterdam, Netherlands Fall 2007  
Study abroad at the International School for Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Amsterdam.

**Freeport High School**, Freeport, ME Spring 2005

## EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

**Vermont Refugee Assistance, Intern**, Burlington, VT Summer 2007  
Assisted with housing and integration of Congolese refugee family. Researched possibilities for implementing and funding a new torture survivors program for refugees in Vermont.

**Basin Harbor Club, Banquet Server**, Vergennes, VT Summer 2007  
Server for large functions at five-star, "rustic" Vermont resort. Set-up, served, and broke-down outdoor lakeside banquets.

**Department of Government, Research Assistant**, Wesleyan University Fall 2005-Spring 2006; January 2008-Present  
Cross-referenced foot-notes, proof-read, and did miscellaneous work for a recently published book by Assistant Professor of Government Mary Alice Haddad. Designed and programmed her personal web page.

**Corsican Restaurant, Waiter**, Freeport, ME 2000-2005  
Host and prep-cook for two years, and server for three years, at small but busy 50-seat Italian restaurant in bustling Maine tourist town. Took orders, served drinks and food, cleaned tables, prepared food, and ran cash register.

**Maine Peoples Alliance, Community Organizer**, Portland, ME Summer 2004  
Canvassed door-to-door and spoke with Mainers about economic and health benefits of a Universal Healthcare system. Asked for donations and recruited new members. Collected signatures for Maine Universal Healthcare voters' initiative.

## HONORS

**Robert Byrd National Scholar** Spring 2005  
Awarded annual college scholarship for academic excellence by the Senator Robert Byrd Foundation.

**Elks National Scholar** Spring 2005  
Awarded annual college scholarship by the Elks National Foundation for academic excellence and philanthropic pursuits.

**University Scholar** Spring 2005  
Chosen as one of ten students in the Class of 2009 to be awarded annual University Scholarship funds and paid research/mentor relationship with a professor.

## SERVICE AND ORGANIZING EXPERIENCE

**Students for Social Justice, Founder/Member**, Wesleyan University Fall 2005-Present  
Organized two fundraising dinners to support causes in Africa, raising over \$2000. Screened films at Wesleyan sympathetic to the cause of fighting poverty in Africa. Organized Fair Trade Coffee Cooperative on Wesleyan campus, distributing coffee, raising funds to fight hunger, and sharing information about Fair Trade.

**Kakamega Orphan Project, Volunteer Coordinator**, Kakamega, Kenya Summer 2006  
Commissioned construction of computer center area at care center for children orphaned by AIDS. Coordinated set-up of donated computers at the lab. Established kiosk market store near care center to help raise funds locally, and consulted on plans for the shop. Undertook planning of a "summer camp" experience for American volunteers and Kenyan children. Played with and developed close bonds with the children, helping them with homework and conversing in Swahili.

**Kakamega Orphan Project, Mentor and Volunteer**, Kakamega, Kenya Summer 2003  
Helped with construction of care center by carrying and laying bricks. Volunteered in "summer camp" experience for group of Kenyan children orphaned by AIDS, coordinating the outdoor games area of the camp.

**Youth Engaged in Service, Organizer**, Freeport, ME 2003-2005  
Founded two events in Maine, the "Fast Against Hunger" and "Run for Help", both of which raise money to fight African poverty. Organized events for two years, and ensured that they have now become annual in Freeport.

## SKILLS

**Languages:** Intermediate, conversational ability in Swahili, Dutch, and French.

**Computer:** Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint. Adobe Photoshop photo editing proficiency. Basic HTML Web programming experience.