

# LAUREN E. KERNER

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## EXPERIENCE

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**Florida Coordinated Campaign, Regional Organizing Director**, Broward County, FL *June - November 2020*

- Managed 8 organizers with 221 active volunteers and 33 volunteer leaders to produce one of the highest direct voter contact operations in the state: 1,198,430 attempts with 44,308 contacts in MyVoters
- Implemented a volunteer Get-Out-The-Vote program which produced an 11% increase in Democratic voter turnout compared to 2016 across 125 precincts
- Directed strategic communication structures including weekly team development meetings and one-on-one coaching to support first time and experienced organizers to exceed state action metrics at a regional average of 120%
- Instilled a collaborative and supportive team ethos which allowed our region to successfully undertake rapid-response projects including organizing volunteers at 30 priority-one polling places during Early Vote and Election Day
- Developed a series of virtual organizing events to engage the Caribbean-American, Latino, Jewish, Women, and Youth constituency groups to scale up our direct voter contact program with Broward's diversity at top of mind

**Biden for President, Field Organizer**, New Hampshire, Virginia, South Carolina, Florida *December 2019-June 2020*

- Trained and managed a team of 15 active volunteers to mobilize and increase voter engagement in New Hampshire's largest and most rural turf in Coos and northern Grafton County
- Provided additional organizing support ahead of the South Carolina primary in Charleston, SC, including direct voter contact, volunteer recruitment, event building, and securing an emergency staging location
- Organized a Biden volunteer team in Orlando, FL, managed multiple community events including two office openings, a results watch party, and coordinated volunteer efforts with local LGBTQ+ organizations
- Piloted a virtual organizing program in Virginia which was utilized during the general election, including the campaign's first virtual volunteer training with a major surrogate

**Peres Center for Peace - YaLa Young Leaders, Intern**, Tel Aviv, Israel *June-August 2016*

- Supported post-Arab Spring citizen journalism and peace initiatives across the Middle East and North Africa under the supervision of Uri Savir, former member of the Knesset and Chief Negotiator of the Oslo Accords
- Assisted organizing and mediating a conflict-mediation workshop for 30 Israelis and Palestinians from Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza at the America House in East Jerusalem

**Associated Students of UC Irvine, Representative: School of Humanities**, Irvine, CA *February - December 2015*

- Represented the School of Humanities, voted on budget allocations and other pieces of legislation
- Authored R50-01 (passed) *Investment in Mutual Respect, Promotion of Peace, and Human Rights* which resolved to diffuse tensions on campus related to foreign conflicts and invest in collaborative peace efforts with special focus on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

## EDUCATION

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**University of Oxford**, Oxford, United Kingdom

Master of Science in Modern Middle Eastern Studies

*November 2019*

- Degree awarded with merit from St. Antony's College with a focus on history, international relations, and politics
- Received a distinction in quantitative research methods from the Oxford School of Global and Area studies for analysis on a previous study assessing the relationship between family histories of repression, transnational social media usage, and the first-movers in Morocco's Arab Spring protests, inclusive of R code
- Dissertation: *BDS and its Discontents: Israel's Diplomatic Efforts on University Campuses in the United States* supervised by Yaacov Yadgar and advised by Avi Shlaim, Emeritus Professor of International Relations
- Member of the Oxford Strategic Studies Group and the Oxford Union

**University of California, Irvine**, Irvine, California

Bachelor of Arts in History, Minor in Jewish Studies, Phi Beta Kappa

*June 2017*

- Senior Honors Thesis: *Jerusalem's Sacred Spaces as Mechanisms of Conflict and Cooperation*
- Honors: Chancellor's Award of Distinction, Dynamic Woman of UC Irvine Award for Academic Achievement, UC Irvine Civic Engagement Award, 2017 Commencement Student Speaker at the Honors Convocation
- Leadership: Delta Gamma, Vice President; UCI Songfest Philanthropy, Executive Producer & Philanthropy Director

## SKILLS/INTERESTS

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- NGP VAN/Votebuilder • R/Rstudio • Hebrew • Mobilize America • ThruTalk/ThruText • Payroll Systems
- History • Pilates • Skiing • Stem Cell Research Advocacy • My German Shepherd, Levi