

# Lisa Spears

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## SKILLS/QUALIFICATIONS/TRAINING:

Experience in both serious and comedic acting roles.

Experience and formal training in many different types of dance, including ballet, tap, modern, and hip hop.

Classically trained singer.

Trained in Shakespearean acting.

Able to perform many sports activities; many years of formal training in gymnastics, football, softball, and others.

15 years of training and public performance in symphonic and jazz orchestras, playing the clarinet, saxophone, drums, and oboe.

Strong interpersonal skills; able to work well with people.

Native English speaker; fluent in Spanish; conversational in Japanese, German, Korean, Dutch, French, Russian, and American Sign Language.

Lived in six countries, traveled to fifty-eight countries; strong multicultural skills.

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

**Live Theatre Actor**, TRAP Berlin

2024-present

Acting in serious and experimental theatre

**Live Theatre Performer**, Rocky Horror Picture Show Berlin Germany

2012-present

Various performances throughout the year

Performed many different roles

Engaged the audience

Improvisation and standup comedy included

Also guest-performed in Los Angeles and Tel Aviv

**Symphonic and Jazz Performer** (various)

15 years performing, at the secondary and collegiate level

**Ballet and Tap Performer**, Pamela Trokanski Dance Workshop

(several years, under 18)

Performed in various roles

Ballet and Tap dance

**Ballet Performer**, City of Davis (CA, USA)

(several years, under 18)

Performed in public ballets

Both dance and acting roles

## NON-RELEVANT ("DAY JOB") EDUCATION:

**Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science**

University of Bucharest

Institute of Cultural Diplomacy

Anticipated Graduation Date: September 2025

Dissertation Topic: The use of coercive persuasion in totalitarian systems, including authoritarian regimes and private cults

**Master of International Relations and Diplomacy**

Leiden University, Leiden, Netherlands

Graduation Date: October, 2015

Thesis Topic: The political and socioeconomic effects of separation barriers, using the West Bank Barrier and Northern Ireland as case studies

**Bachelor of Arts, Political Studies, History Emphasis; Academic Minor in English**

Westminster College, Salt Lake City, UT

Graduation Date: May, 2011

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**NON-RELEVANT ("DAY JOB") EXPERIENCE:**

**Human Rights Activist and Researcher, Breaking Code Silence**

09/2020-Present

Conducting original research on human rights, international human rights law, and intersectionality between individual rights and structural issues, as they relate to involuntarily detained youth populations in the United States, and persons living under military occupations, autocratic regimes, or apartheid systems around the world

Providing peer support through regularly recurring Zoom meetings

Providing social media presence and support

**Independent Travel Agent with a Focus on Sustainability and Humanitarian Principles, Travel Orchestra**

06/2019-Present

Providing itineraries for travelers, focusing on sustainability, environmentalism, and humanitarian principles

Writing articles about said topics

Providing social media presence and support

**Humanitarian Officer, United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs**

03/2016-09/2013, Geneva, Switzerland, Intern

Event planning, managing invitee lists, communicating with invitees

Planned and implemented the World Humanitarian Day Geneva 2016, including management of a small team, managing content on social media platforms, public relations strategy planning, and curation of an art exhibit and short film festival

Conducted research and analysis on private sector involvement in humanitarian affairs

Coordinated responses to humanitarian crises, including natural disasters and refugee crises

Conducted due diligence to vet potential humanitarian partners

Various administrative tasks

**Historian/Political Activist/Peacebuilder, Windows – Channels for Communication**

06/2015-06/2016, Tel Aviv, Israel, Intern

Created an interactive archive of history of the origins of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict

Helped create and implement peacebuilding activities with young people in Israel and Palestine

**Historian**, Cold War History Research Center of Corvinus

08/2014-09/2015, Budapest, Hungary, Intern

Acted as lead intern

Supervised other interns and managed projects

Contributed to the largest Cold War history chronology in the world

Did research regarding events of the Cold War

Copy edited other researcher's work

Updated social media with daily historical facts

Reference: Dolma Haraszti, coordinator@coldwar.hu

**Legislative Analyst**, Governor's Office of Planning and Research

04/2013-08/2013, Sacramento, California, Intern

Did legislative analysis of pending legislation for the Governor

Reference: Siddharth Nag, (916) 322-6313

**Legislative Intern**, Utah State Senator

01/2011-04/2011, Salt Lake City, Intern

Did legal and legislative research

Summarized statutes, analyzed legislation, and monitored pending legislation

Interacted with various politicians and lobbyists throughout the country

Attended committee hearings, followed floor actions, and private meetings

Reference: Senator Luz Robles, 801-550-6434

**Legal Intern**, Louisiana Capital Assistance Center

05/2012-08/2012, New Orleans, Intern

Represented clients facing capital punishment in the South

Focused on low-income and underprivileged defendants

Processed legal documents

Did paralegal work

Reference: Linda Cortez, 504-222-8351

**Community Organizer**, Concerned Citizens for Better Justice (Volunteer)

09/2011-05/2012, Atlanta, Volunteer

Drafted/edited proposed state legislation

Canvassed for death penalty reform

Organized outreach and mail-outs to various legislators and faith groups

Reference: Michael Henry, 404-296-5509

**Gallery Attendant**, Salt Lake Art Center

05/2011-06/2011, Salt Lake City, Volunteer

Greeted patrons, answered questions, exhibited art

Ran an art booth for a children's center

Reference: Maggie Willis, 801-824-7101

**Library Assistant**, Downtown Salt Lake City Public Library

09/2007-06/2008, Salt Lake City, Volunteer

Assisted librarians in the children's department with various tasks

Worked with patrons

Worked with children in various craft and reading projects

Shelved books

Learned the Dewey Decimal System

ConReference: Paul Musser, 801-322-8106

**Service Learning Trip, Thailand**

05/2009, Thailand, Volunteer

Traveled to Bangkok, Khon Kaen, and Kalasin, Thailand

Brought in medical and educational supplies to rural villages

Worked and stayed with residents in said villages

Reference: Han Kim, hankim68@mac.com

**Assistant Driver, Yolo County Food Bank**

02/13-08/13, Woodland, CA, volunteer

Drove food trucks to low-income neighborhoods

Held a farmer's market for children at elementary schools

**Receptionist, Wellspring Women's Center**

01/13-08/13, Sacramento, volunteer

Greeted guests at a center for homeless and low-income women

Provided food and hygiene

Reference: Annie Hassim, 916-454-1843

**Public Relations Representative, Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Organization**

05/2008-11/2009, Salt Lake City, Volunteer

Public speaking with professionals in the community

Provided information to interested parties about alcohol rehabilitation

Advocated a program of recovery

Reference: Sara Lambrinos, 801-414-6285

**Office Assistant, Salt Lake Central Office**

01/2011-06/2011, Salt Lake City, Part Time

Answered office phones, provided information

Sold products to patrons

Reference: Tonuah Nance, 801-330-8042