

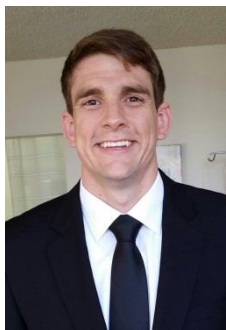
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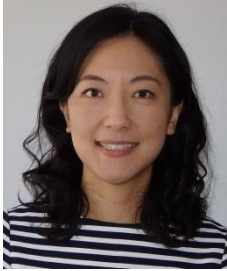


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Christopher OTA (USA/JPN) has most recently worked as an Event Manager at the USS Missouri Memorial in Pearl Harbor. Chris graduated with a BA in International Relations from Hawaii Pacific University in 2012. Chris served as Hawaii Pacific University's United Nations Club President and participated in three study abroad programs, in which he visited the United Kingdom, Mexico, Thailand and Cambodia. During the 2011 Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation Conference in Hawaii, he served as an Assistant to the Peruvian Ambassador to the United States Harold Forsyth. Chris also served as a Program Intern at the Pacific Forum CSIS. His future endeavors include the pursuit of an MBA focused on international business and law.

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