

## Miller Fellow: Madelaine Altman

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**Madelaine Altman** is a 3L at Berkeley Law interested in international human rights law, diplomatic affairs, and the intersection of mental health and the law. During her time at Berkeley, she has participated in the International Human Rights Law Clinic and was a member and co-leader of the Prisoner Advocacy Network. She is currently the Supervising Editor of the Berkeley Journal of International Law. Over her first summer, she worked with Physicians for Human Rights analyzing a case under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide, and spent her second summer at the U.S. Department of State's Office of the Legal Adviser, working in the Human Rights & Refugees and Consular Affairs offices.

Madelaine holds a B.A. in Psychology and Slavic Languages & Literatures, as well as an M.A. from the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies from Stanford University. Her work at Stanford focused on the intersection between psychology and Russian studies, and her Master's thesis investigated the Soviet Union's use of sham psychiatric diagnoses to quash dissidence. She spent the year before law school on a Fulbright Research Award in Kazan, Russia, studying the effects of culture on schizophrenia symptoms.

As a Miller Fellow, Madelaine will be supporting Professor Laurel E. Fletcher's work during the academic year, investigating North-South hierarchies in international human rights practice.

Madelaine will also be working as a Miller Fellow for Professor Carolyn Patty Blum over winter break, on legislative revision, human rights violations and disinformation in Russia since the Ukrainian invasion in support of the mandate of Pablo De Greiff, one of the Commissioners on the International Independent Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine.