



## A FISTFUL OF POWER: AGUASCALIENTES CONFERENCE MEXICO, 1914

The Mexican Revolution is over, again. The first wave of revolutions came when Francisco Madero overthrew the dictatorship of Porfirio Diaz, but Madero was soon executed and replaced in a military coup by Victoriano Huerta. Now Huerta's regime has been toppled, but before victory can be declared, the many leaders of the revolution must settle their differences.

Venustiano Carranza is the nominal head of the entire revolution, but is now seen as elitist and detached from the people. Pancho Villa is the opposite, a former bandit who rose to become the revolution's most famous general, even earning a spot in Hollywood films. Alvaro Obregon, the country's shrewdest military mind, comes to the table with his own agenda. Meanwhile, Emiliano Zapata, who has long led guerilla fighters in Morelos in the struggle for indigenous land rights, takes his place in the negotiations as well. Alongside these four men, their generals, allies, and even representatives of the Mexican people will meet at the Convention of Aguascalientes to settle the country's future.

Will a concord for peace emerge for the convention, or two, or three, or four factions form for civil war? Only the actions of the delegates to the convention can determine the terms of peace or war. Whatever the country ends up, the powers that be will put a hand on the scale, whether it be the influential Catholic Church or a newly emboldened United States under Woodrow Wilson.

So it remains to be seen: when you put Mexico's four biggest egos in one room, what's the worst that could happen?



**ASH ROSE**

CHAIR

Ash is a third year from Berkeley, California. Or is he from Singapore? Why is he Canadian? Why does he do Finance if he studies Fundamentals? What even is Fundamentals? Why is it that he has three jobs but never seems to be working? Why does he look like a James Bond Villain? Has he ever listened to his USG?

What will he not do for mucho mango Arizona Iced Teas and Trader Joe's microwave dumplings? Why is he a member of both the Republican and Democratic Party on campus?

Ash has previously AC'd on Of Moose and Men, and is an active member of the Debate Team. If you ask him when nobody is listening, he will try to convert you away from MUN. His hobbies include skiing and travelling (72 countries at this point!) and pretending to speak foreign languages, but his real interests are eating and sleeping.

Ash is looking forward to meet all of you and serving as El Presidente. Feel free to reach out to him with any questions (including how to tie a tie, which he has known since high school) at [ashr@uchicago.edu](mailto:ashr@uchicago.edu).



**SAM OWENS**

CRISIS DIRECTOR

A native of Baltimore, where the Bay is beautiful, the crabs are blue, and the beer is Natty Boh, Sam is a third year in the college majoring in too many things— namely economics, philosophy, and a minor in creative writing. Sam has previously been an AC on The Lion of Judah: The Cabinet Of Haile Selassie and an AC on Of Moose and Men: The Council of New France, in addition to being an active member of the Model UN team.

Sam writes for two publications on campus, volunteers to tutor immigrants for the citizenship test, and is involved in several political clubs on campus. His interests include rap music that Ash will be irritated by, low quality superhero content, and procrastinating on his work by going to poetry readings.

Sam and Ash met while helping host MUNUC, UChicago's high school MUN conference, where Sam taught Ash how to tie a tie. They bonded over a shared love of history, a willingness to get in long arguments over nothing, and a similar taste in television.

When Sam isn't at three different meetings in one night, you can catch him scouting Cathey dining hall for good deals, procrastinating on the first floor of the Reg, or exploring Chicago.

Sam is looking forward to meeting you all and can't wait to get to scheming as your Crisis Director at ChoMUN! Feel free to reach out to him with any questions or concerns at [sowens3@uchicago.edu](mailto:sowens3@uchicago.edu).

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