



## SHARING IS CARING: COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL, 1917-1965

As the new century concludes its second decade, the belief that we have globally turned a corner towards the future seems to fade away. Promises of cooperation facilitated by international institutions seem laughable, economic inequality is skyrocketing, workers are increasingly stripped of their rights, hateful nationalist ideologies surge across the globe, and war seems to be a persistent future of daily life--hell, as if that wasn't bad enough, now an influenza pandemic has ground the world to a halt.

Yes, 1917 is certainly rough. Sorry, were you expecting a different year? Either way, working people worldwide are sick and tired of the status quo. A successful Communist movement in Russia is moving towards establishing the USSR, and with it, is inspiring the belief that other oppressed people can fight for a better future. You have been brought together as the coordinating body of this grand and powerful ideology, seated at the Congress of the Communist International. As representatives from around the world and across all walks of life, we will work together to facilitate uprisings, revolts, and revolutions to set the laboring class free of their control by the bourgeoisie.

This is no small task... Indeed, our struggle necessitates that we facilitate revolutions across the globe and well into the future. We have faith in you all to lead the charge. Workers of the world, unite!

**Note: This Committee will feature jumps in time and shifts in regional focus. More information on these mechanics will be released alongside the our Background Guide.**

### BACKGROUND GUIDE

#### ELISA BAYOUMI

##### CHAIR

Who is Elisa Bayoumi? Let's start with the basics. Elisa is a fourth year in the College, but it's her third year at UChicago, and she's also a master's student, somehow? After two illustrious years at UofC, Elisa went ~abroad~ for a year, which, as she'd be quick to tell you, changed her life. She's returning for a victory lap at UChicago, and has decided (read: been coerced into) coming back to ChoMUN for one last committee.

Elisa has spent her whole life steeping in global politics--she's from DC ("DC proper," she says, to ensure we don't mistake her for typical DMV riff-raff), studies Political Science, and is pursuing a Master's in International Relations this year. She also has a bad habit of living through major historical events--while abroad, she voted in the 2019 UK Election, witnessed Brexit nevertheless, was stuck in Italy when COVID hit, fled back to England, was stuck in England when COVID hit them too, and is now (forcibly) back stateside. Basically, Elisa is a walking bad-luck charm, so we'd encourage all of you to carry a four leaf clover at ChoMUN next year.

This is Elisa's third ChoMUN, after formerly staffing the Clans and Company of Grace O'Malley (ChoMUN XXII) and the Cabinet of Corazon Aquino (ChoMUN XXI), and she will also be running a committee at MUNUC. Outside of MUN, Elisa conducts research at UChicago's Booth School of Business and is extremely Type A about appearing to be Type B. You know the drill. She's very excited to be the brains behind this committee, even though, when the revolution comes, as a business school RA she will have nowhere to hide.

If you have questions about the committee, or want to know how you can match Elisa's ~influencer status~, shoot her an email at [ebayoumi@uchicago.edu](mailto:ebayoumi@uchicago.edu)!

#### CARTER SQUIRES

##### CRISIS DIRECTOR

Carter is a fourth year in the College, studying Political Science and Environmental Studies: a fatal duo which has entirely undermined his faith in the prospect of even moderately effective climate policy (we're doomed y'all). He hails from Louisville, Kentucky (that's "LOO-a-vul"): home of bourbon distilling, coal mining, tobacco farming, and racehorse gambling--basically, the Ethics Capital of the world--and, out of some strange mix of pride and self-pity, he refuses to shut up about Kentucky's political scene.

In addition to ChoMUN, Carter remains neck-deep in Model UN--he is currently the President of UChicago's traveling team, and will be Crisis Directing the Ad Hoc at MUNUC (UChicago's high school conference). Carter is returning to ChoMUN after (almost) Crisis Directing the Virgin Group last year. Before that, he was a Crisis Director for the Ottoman Imperial Harem at ChoMUN XXII, and an Assistant Chair for the Russian Provisional Government at ChoMUN XXI.

Outside of MUN, Carter conducts research on democratic backsliding and corruption, and works at UChicago's Community Programs Accelerator as a consultant for nonprofits on Chicago's South Side. In his limited freetime, he explores Chicago through its restaurants, coffee shops, and bookstores; pretends like he knows how to cook; hones his mastery of the dad joke; watches anything by Michael Schur; and seriously misses having access to good hiking spots. Seriously, for a place that calls itself the "City in a Garden," Chicago really isn't holding up its promise. As someone whose personal politics are... well, more than a bit left of center, Carter is thrilled to be Crisis Directing the Communist International at his final ChoMUN. He hopes it's a committee that gets everyone thinking outside the box.

If you have any questions about the committee or want to have your ear talked off about climate politics, shoot Carter an email at [csquires@uchicago.edu](mailto:csquires@uchicago.edu)!

#### MICHAEL WANG

##### CRISIS DIRECTOR

When Michael Wang first enrolled in the online University of Chicago, he was just a typical bay area kid with his sights on a snaky consulting internship. This 4th-year with a 5-year old's sense of humor would have quite frankly preferred a Bluechips membership to MUN, thank you very much, with their dinky tiny hammers. Anyway, he was too busy with his triple-major of economics, history, and missing essential classes. But when tragedy struck (aka he missed the application deadline lol), he was left with no other choice but to join the loser's table.

Little did he know he had been training for this moment his entire life. When he walked into MUN he gathered all his corporate training and went on a rampage. He specialized in presenting half-ideas as confident plans, so obviously became a crisis del. Michael used MUN to hone his skills, participating as a competitive delegate while also participating as an AC or CD in 4 MUNUC committees and ChoMUN committees. He also met these two other brats that he's now running a committee with during his first MUN conference but has suppressed that memory entirely. But Michael Wang is not an infallible MUN god, and he has one ultimate nemesis: deadlines. They are so vindictive and evil that he in fact recruited the Chair, Elisa, to write this bio. These deadlines mean he does nothing at all outside of MUN specifically because he was slow to respond to Elisa's text asking if he even does anything outside of MUN. (He definitely does tho). He is very excited to see you guys commit to the revolution he never saw himself participating in.

If you have any questions about the committee or Bluechips, please email [m.wang@uchicago.edu](mailto:m.wang@uchicago.edu), and he'll try to actually respond in time.

### SECRETARIAT OVERSIGHT:

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