

ELIZABETH GAMARRA



Elizabeth Gamarra (she/her/hers) is a former two-time TEDx speaker, Fulbrighter at IE University, Rotary Peace Fellow, One Young World Alumni, MEXT Scholar, and 2023 USA Peacebuilding & Reconciliation Delegate to the G20 Youth Summit. She is currently a CWAJ Japan Foundation PhD Fellow, researcher at the Peace Research Institute at International Christian University (ICU), and lecturer at Oberlin University. She is also an upcoming speaker at the Atlantic Dialogue Forum Program in Marrakesh, Morocco.

She has a double masters in the field of mental health (U.S) and peace studies (Japan) and a postgraduate certificate in diplomacy and human rights (Australia). For the first part of her career, she worked as a therapist with refugee and indigenous communities in Utah and a researcher at the University of Utah's Refugee Integration Research Center.

After her Fulbright year in Spain, she went on to pursue fellowships in England, Switzerland, Greece, Thailand, Spain, and Kenya through the OECD, the Academic Council of the UN System, the Oxford Consortium for Human Rights, Amnesty International, and Citizenship Diplomacy Fund. She was also a business consultant for Grammarly (Japanese branch) and a writer for Mediators Beyond Borders International. Hence, being able to work in the NGOs, IGOs, government, and business sectors has made her a well-rounded professional. She sits on the board of Directors for the Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan (GPAJ) and the Board of Trustees for Pax Natura International spearheading and advising projects on peacebuilding, climate change, and mediation.

Elizabeth has been able to develop initiatives such as the RadioNatura podcast, and Generations of Legacies dialogue platform. She is also the former recipient of the TUMI USA Award, Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major Award, Diversity and Equity Award, NASPA Region V Award, Outstanding Researcher in the College of Social Work, Trinidad Peace Award, Young Philanthropy Award, among others.