

EMILY LEATHERWOOD

International Studies student with a focus on European power politics, international conflict, and cross-cultural engagement. Through academic work and independent writing, I explore how wars unfold, how states navigate diplomacy, and how historical context shapes global tensions. My volunteer experience with Ukrainian learners and nonprofit work abroad strengthens my commitment to understanding conflict at both structural and human levels.

Skills:

- ★ Conflict Studies
- ★ Geopolitics
- ★ International Affairs Research
- ★ Writing & Editing
- ★ Cross-Cultural Communication
- ★ Digital Publishing

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (expected 2027) *Cedarville University*
Study Abroad, Germany (Spring 2026) *Council of International Educational Exchange*
Focus on the German language, Western Europe, and cross-cultural engagement.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Founder & International Affairs Writer | Changing Dreams Remote | 2023–Present

- Publish long-form essays on international conflict, European power politics, and state behavior.
- Examine how wars escalate and how treaties reshape political order through historical context.
- Design and manage an independent writing platform integrating research and digital communication.

Roster Judge | Board of Elections Columbus, OH | 2023, 2025

- Processed voter check-in and ID verification in accordance with state procedures.
- Assisted with polling station setup and closing procedures.
- Contributed to orderly, compliant execution of Election Day operations.

English Conversation Volunteer | ENGIN & Balakun Remote | 2025–Present

- Mentor Ukrainian students and professionals in conversational English to promote language fluency and cultural exchange.
- Conduct weekly one-on-one sessions, tailoring discussions to learners' goals and backgrounds.
- Engage weekly with Ukrainian learners, gaining insight into the lived realities of conflict-affected communities.

Cross Cultural Field Intern | Missionary Ventures International Guatemala | 2024

- Engaged in structured cross-cultural service in Guatemala, adapting to local community dynamics and communication norms.
- Developed firsthand understanding of cultural context in international outreach settings.