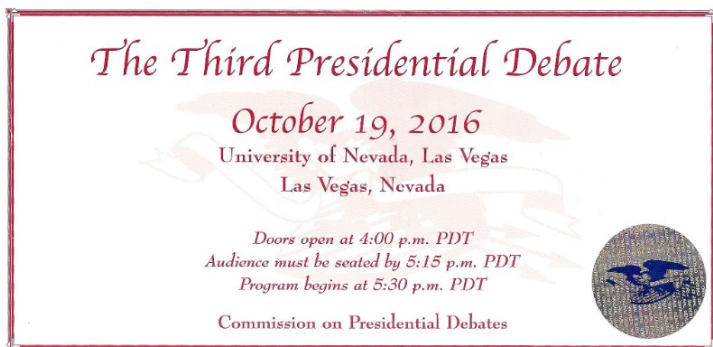


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Reflections on a Prepared Candidate



Meet our newest intern:

Sam Robertson

Sam was born and raised in Sydney, Australia. She is a current undergraduate student at Stanford University, class of 2019. While she hasn't yet declared a major, she is considering a minor in feminist, gender and sexuality studies.

Her studies so far at Stanford awakened an interest in gender equality and she has become particularly focused on the ways in which politics, social justice and technology overlap and interact. She hopes to work at this intersection of computer science and social policy after graduating.

Beyond her academic and professional work, Sam plays



Mary Hughes, CTGCA's political strategist, attended the final presidential debate in Nevada last week and has shared her reflections with us in a blog:

"Last March, as I stood next to Secretary Clinton waiting to have our picture taken, I thanked her for exercising such focus and discipline in the campaign. "What you are doing means so much to so many women," I offered."

More of her insights in her blog post [here!](#)

This **New York Times** article reminds us all that when women run, women win at the same rates as men. CTGCA is recruiting to make sure we have accomplished, progressive women to vote for. Read [here](#).



This piece from **NPR** explores sexism



in the 2016 Presidential Election. Was it inevitable? Read more [here](#).

rugby at Stanford and enjoys cooking and SCUBA diving.



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