

Name: Pierson Racanelli

Role: Consultant

**Education**: Masters of Arts in International Economics and Middle Eastern Studies from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and Bachelors of Arts in History from Cornell University



**Sectors:** education, international development, Middle Eastern affairs, peacebuilding, quantitative and qualitative analysis, statistics

**Professional Experience:** Pierson is a Program Associate at Search for Common Ground, a peacebuilding nonprofit with HQ in Washington, DC and Brussels, Belgium. He is currently based in Tunis in the Tunisia office. He previously worked as a Senior Consultant for an educational consultancy in Beirut, Lebanon as well as AMIDEAST, a Department of State-funded nonprofit, in Tunis.

**Personal Interests:** soccer, travel, history, international affairs, philosophy, languages (particularly Levantine Arabic, French, and Spanish)

Passion for Social Impact: Pierson is driven by a passion for bridging cross-cultural divides through peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and increasing economic opportunity. He believes that almost any problem can be solved via a practical approach that combines contextual understanding of underlying issues combined with an innovative and inclusive approach to resolution. He seeks to incorporate data analysis into his projects where possible.