



# Parkes Philanthropy Consultant Bio



## **Name**

Pierson  
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## **Sectors**

Education, peacebuilding,  
international development

## **Role**

Consultant

## **Specialties**

Middle Eastern affairs, quantitative  
and qualitative analysis, statistics

## **Education**

M.A. in International Economics and Middle  
Eastern Studies from Johns Hopkins School  
of Advanced International Studies (SAIS),  
B.A. in History from Cornell University

## **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.

## **Achievements**

Pierson previously served as a Research and Translation Intern on Syrian Conflict at the Humanitarian Research Services in Jordan.

## **Affiliations**

Pierson previously volunteered at the Collateral Repair Project, teaching English to Iraqi and Syrian refugee children from ages 5-11 in eastern Amman.

## **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.

## **Personal Interests**

Soccer, travel, history, international affairs, philosophy, languages (particularly Levantine Arabic, French, and Spanish)