

MITCHELL PALMER

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD – NEW COLLEGE

United Kingdom
Oct 2022-May 2025

- Received a **BA in History and Economics** with **First-Class Honours**.
- Relevant coursework: Quantitative Economics (78); Microeconomics (77); Thesis in Soviet Economic History (75); History of the World Economy (75); History of the Soviet Union, 1924-1941 (72).
- Elected as Treasurer & Publications Editor of the Oxford University Conservative Association.
- Won the Oxford Union inter-collegiate and LSE Intervarsity (pro-am) debating tournaments.
- Won the [Mont Pèlerin Society's 2022 F. A. Hayek Fellowship](#) for an essay since [published as a book chapter](#).

YALE-NUS COLLEGE (*a joint venture of Yale & the National University of Singapore*)

Singapore
Sept 2020-Dec 2021

- **GPA: 4.86/5**. Candidate for BA (Hons). Withdrew due to college closure.
- Won Best Speaker in the Singapore Finals of the [2022 CFA Institute Equity Research Challenge](#).

AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL

New Zealand
2015-2019

- Top of school in NZ Scholarship exams; Student Representative on the Board of Trustees; NZ Representative in debating, economics, and competitive computer programming.

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

ADAM SMITH INSTITUTE

London, UK
Sept 2025-

Economist (4 days/week; in-person)

- Leading the quantitative policy research programme, including papers on [Stamp Duty](#) and [tax competitiveness](#).

OFFICE OF HON. DAVID SEYMOUR MP (ACT PARTY LEADER)

Wellington, NZ
Sept 2025-

Senior Policy Advisor (1 day/week; remote)

- Developing the Party's election year policies, including the fiscal plan.

Ministerial Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister

July-Sept 2025

Ministerial Advisor to the Minister for Regulation

July-Sept 2024

- Led ACT's engagement with senior Coalition ministers on the initial development of Budget 2025 and 2026, the reform of the electricity market, and the complete overhaul of New Zealand's planning laws.
- Scrutinised business cases for billion-dollar Crown capital investments on behalf of the Minister, in his role as Associate Finance Minister and chairman of Cabinet's Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee. For instance, [my work](#) on a new medical school has been publicly released under the Official Information Act.

CASTALIA ADVISORS

Auckland, NZ
July-Sept 2023

Summer Analyst (Economic Consulting), Asia-Pacific

- Developed the business case and financial model for a proposed \$1 billion social housing project.
- Designed a [long-term model of the NZ electricity market](#) leading to \$60 million in government funding.

NEW ZEALAND PARLIAMENT

Auckland, NZ
Jan-Oct 2022

Economic Advisor to the ACT Leader and Parliamentary Party

- Wrote the Party's [Alternative Budget](#), as well as the housing and transport policies, for the [2023 Election](#).

MILKEN INSTITUTE & PARTNERS GROUP

Singapore
Summer 2021

Research Intern: Investor-Manager Relationships in Private Equity

- Co-wrote an article on retail investment in private equity, [published in the Milken Review](#).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Skills:** Python, Excel (including VBA), SQL, R (including data visualization), QGIS, financial modelling.
- **References available on request.**