



# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Isatou Jallow</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Immigrant and Refugee Commission – Isatou Jallow</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>"Immigrant and Refugee Member"</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointment</b> OR <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>		<b>Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Specify appointing authority</i>		<b>Term of Office:</b> <i>August 3, 2015 August 3, 2017</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98122</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> <i>[REDACTED]</i>
<b>Legislated Authority:</b> <i>Ordinance 123822 and 12035 and SMC 3.14.545</i>		
<b>Background:</b> <p>Isatou Jallow was born and raised in Gambia, West Africa. She moved to Seattle in 2012 as an asylee. She is currently an LLM Candidate at the University of Washington School of Law in the Sustainable International Development Graduate Program. She has a degree in Law and Political science from Universite Mohamed V in Morocco, where she lived for five years prior to moving to the U.S.</p> <p>Isatou is an advocate for women's rights and speaks openly about her beliefs. She was able to save her sister and cousin from female genital mutilation (FGM). Today FGM is no longer practiced in her family. Her dream for the complete eradication of this practice is not limited to her family alone. She hopes to work with immigrants living in the U.S. to convince them not to send their daughters back home for FGM. Her goal is the complete eradication of FGM.</p> <p>Isatou has delivered talks and presentations about FGM and refugees' access to health care at the invitation of the University of Washington School of Law, the University of Washington School of Global Health, the Seattle University School of Law, Somali Maternity Services, HealthRight International, and the Northwest Immigrants' Rights Project. Isatou regularly connects with local organizations with similar views regarding women's and immigrants' rights and health.</p> <p>Isatou currently works at Convergent Outsourcing and tutors French part time. She has volunteered at Harborview Medical Center, United Way of King County and the University of Washington Refugee Pipeline Project.</p>		
<b>Date of Appointment:</b> <i>8/12/2015</i>	<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i>	<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Bruce Harrell, Councilmember Chair, Public Safety, Civil Rights &amp; Technology Committee</i>

Prepared July 10, 2015

## PERSONAL DETAILS

Place of Birth: Bakau, the Gambia

Citizenship: Gambian: I currently have asylee status in the United States

Languages: English (fluent), French (fluent), Wolof (fluent), Mandinka (fluent), Fula (conversational)

## EDUCATION

**University of Washington School of Law**, LLM Candidate, Class of 2016

**Universite Mohamed V**, Rabat, Morocco, 2011

Bachelor of Arts in Law and Political Science

Dissertation: Constitutional Reform and its impact on the Moroccan Parliament

*Related Coursework:* International Relations, Political Science, History of Political Science, International Maritime Law, Contract, Environmental Law, Sociology, Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, International Law

## HONORS

2006-2011 Gambian and Moroccan Government Scholarship Award

## LEGAL INTERNSHIPS

### Temple Legal (Law firm)

- worked with two licensed lawyers in the Gambia
- assisted with research, arranging documents and books in the office
- assisted with record-keeping in court

### Female Lawyers Association Gambia

- worked with a group of female pro bono attorneys
- did intake interviews, means testing, preparing documents and sending clients' cases to attorneys

## EMPLOYMENT

Convergent Outsourcing: Collection Agent

Xerox: Customer Service Representative and Tech Support

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Universite Mohamed V- Private Tutor English

Seattle WA – Private Tutor French

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE, COMMUNITY AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT

**Harborview Medical Center** Occupational Health and Education:

- Prepare L&I Claims and basic clerical work.
- Made outbound calls to other hospitals and clinics in the Washington state to gather information for referral purposes.

**United Way King County:** Assisted people file their Tax Returns 3 hours a week from January to April 2015

**Everything's Possible** (a non-profit that helps the youth to improve themselves through volunteering and traveling):

- Helped facilitate communication between people from English and French speaking countries by interpreting.
- Helped lead Arts and Craft projects with grade school students in under-served schools

## CERTIFICATION

Seattle Goodwill Job Training and Education Center- Retail and Customer Service

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND ADVOCACY

- 2015 University of Washington School of Law; Global Health Panel
- 2015 Seattle University School of Law; Immigration Law Externship Seminar
- 2015 University of Washington Pipeline Project; Refugee Communities
- 2014 Panelist on a Forum for community awareness on FGM organized by the Somali Maternity Services
- 2014 Featured in article regarding FGM, Seattle Globalist  
<http://www.seattleglobalist.com/2014/04/10/lets-talk-about-female-circumcision/22676>
- 2014 Advisory Committee for book regarding work with asylees, Lutheran Community Services
- 2013 Featured Speaker at HealthRight International's Asylum Training at the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project

## Immigrant and Refugee Commission

16 Members: Per Ordinances 123822 and 120325, and SMC 3.14.545, all subject to City Council confirmation. (14) have 2-year terms, (1) Get Engaged Member has 1-year term:

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 8 Mayor-appointed
- 0 Other Appointing Authority-appointed

### Roster:

*D	**G	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
2	F	1.	Member	Tsegaba Woldehaimanot	2/11/13	1/31/17	2	Mayor
2	F	2.	Member	Isatou Jallow	8/3/15	8/3/17	1	Council
8	F	3.	Member	Michele E. Ramirez	4/21/14	4/30/16	1	Mayor
1	M	4.	Member	Simon M-S Khin	5/6/13	2/23/17	2	Council
1	F	5.	Member	Jennifer Calleja	1/31/13	2/1/17	2	Mayor
8	F	6.	Member	Kianoush Naficy	4/21/14	4/30/16	1	Council
8	F	7.	Member	Roxana Norouzi	2/25/13	2/1/17	2	Mayor
3	F	8.	Get-Engaged Member	Laurel Saito	9/1/15	9/1/16	1	Council
2	F	9.	Member	Farhiya Mohamed	4/21/14	1/31/16	2	Mayor
1	F	10.	Member	Mindy Au	4/21/14	4/30/16	1	Council
3	M	11.	Member	Luis Ortega	6/8/15	4/14/17	1	Mayor
8	F	12.	Member	Dori C. Cahn	2/23/15	2/23/17	2	Council
3	F	13.	Member	Marilena Morales	6/8/15	4/14/17	1	Mayor
1	F	14.	Member	Veasna A. Hoy	4/21/14	4/30/16	1	Council
2	F	15.	Member	Riddhi Mukhopadehyay	4/21/14	4/30/16	1	Mayor

### Diversity Chart:

			(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)		
	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	Asian-American	Black/African American	Hispanic/Latino	American Indian/Alaska Native	***Other	Caucasian/Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor		6	0		1	2	4					1	
Council	2	4	0		4	1				1		1	
Other													
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>	

### Key:

- \*D List the corresponding Diversity Chart number (1 through 9)
- \*\*G List gender, M or F
- \*\*\*Other Includes diversity in any of the following: race, gender and/or ability