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# Emily Wazlak

CEO and Founder @ Shine Registry

New York City Metropolitan Area · 500+ connections

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## About

Emily Wazlak is the Founder and CEO of Shine Registry, a growing platform using best practices from crowdfunding and traditional wedding registry sites to create new tools for community care.

Prior to entrepreneurship, Emily led youth voter turnout for the Obama reelection campaign in Toledo, Ohio and worked on procurement and acquisition policy for the Pentagon. She is a trained facilitator and has designed and led workshops and trainings for Organizing for Action, the Roosevelt Institute, and the Institute for Social Innovation at Carnegie Mellon among others.

Emily earned her undergraduate degree in Politics, War and Society from Mount Holyoke College and holds a Masters of Science in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University where she was a Public Policy and International Affairs Fellow in 2011. She is a Startingbloc Social Innovation Fellow, was on a list for "What's Next in Pittsburgh Tech" in 2018, and a TEDx speaker in 2019.

## Experience

🔲 **CEO and Founder**
Shine Registry
Jan 2018 - Present · 4 years
www.ShineRegistry.com

Shine Registry is a growing platform using best practices from crowdfunding and traditional wedding registry sites to create new tools for community care. Register for gifts when you host a business shower like the hundreds of founders and small business owners that already have!
See www.shineregistry.com for more!

🔲 **Unilever x Luminary Fellow**
Luminary
Oct 2020 - Present · 1 year 3 months
New York, New York, United States

🔲 **Artist**
Outpooot
Jan 2017 - Present · 5 years
Queens, New York, United States

Various short and long-term art projects. Including 'Exquisite Coloring' an ongoing collaborative art project based on methods of decision and risk modeling.

🔲 **Social Innovation Fellow**
StartingBloc
May 2016 - Present · 5 years 8 months
Greater New Orleans Area

🔲 **Procurement and Acquisition Policy**
United States Department of Defense
Sep 2014 - Apr 2016 · 1 year 8 months
Washington D.C. Metro Area

Supported USD(AT&L) Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy in contracted roles
Office of Program Development and Implementation

🔲 **Communications and State Affairs Programs**

**Justice at Stake Campaign**

Jun 2013 – Sep 2014 · 1 year 4 months

Washington D.C. Metro Area

**Advocacy and Organizing Fellow**

Young Invincibles

Feb 2013 – Jun 2013 · 5 months

Washington D.C. Metro Area

**Field/Campus Organizer**

Obama for America

Jun 2012 – Nov 2012 · 6 months

Toledo, Ohio Area

**Northeast Regional Coordinator**

Roosevelt Institute

Aug 2011 – Jun 2012 · 11 months

Greater New York City Area

**White House Intern**

Executive Office of the President at The White House

Sep 2010 – Jan 2011 · 5 months

Washington D.C. Metro Area

**Roosevelt Institute Summer Fellow, Department of Environment**

City of Chicago

Jun 2010 – Aug 2010 · 3 months

Greater Chicago Area

**Residential Advisor, Program/Teaching Assistant**

Columbia University in the City of New York

Jun 2009 – Jul 2009 · 2 months

Greater New York City Area

## Education

**Carnegie Mellon University - H. John Heinz III College**

Master of Science (MS) · Public Policy and Management

2016 – 2017

Full merit scholarship, 2011 Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Fellow

**Mount Holyoke College**

BA · Politics, War and Society

Activities and Societies: Roosevelt Institute Campus Network, The Clothesline Project, Passages/Orientation Board, Mount Holyoke College Democrats, MHNews Cartoonist

**Fudan University**

Chinese Language, Political Economy, Urban Studies, Business Anthropology

Activities and Societies: Semester Abroad at the School of Social Development and Public Policy

**Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School**

High School Diploma · Visual Arts

## Volunteer Experience

**Advisor, Forge Fellowship**

Roosevelt Institute

Apr 2017 – Present · 4 years 9 months

Civil Rights and Social Action

**Steering Committee Member, Alumni Networks Advisory Board**

Roosevelt Institute

Feb 2014 – Aug 2015 · 1 year 7 months

**Training Corps Member**

Organizing for Action

May 2013 – Dec 2015 · 2 years 8 months

**Board Committee Member**

Mount Holyoke Club of Greater Washington, DC

Jun 2015 - Jun 2016 · 1 year 1 month

## Honors & Awards

### Dragonfly

Dragonfly by SVB & IAF

Jul 2021

Selected for Silicon Valley Bank and Impact America Fund's inaugural bootcamp for first time womxn & non-binary founders.

### UFA x Luminary Fellowship Awardee

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Oct 2020

### TEDxPittsburgh Women Speaker

TEDx

Dec 2019

To combat the large disparity of investment in women founders, Emily Wazlak's idea, and platform, centers on the public ritual of caring. Hear how her big idea is reimagining women's relationship to ambition and providing a platform to support women-founded startups with monetary and non-monetary asks in the style of a wedding registry: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KlloZlZ24_w&t=2s&ab_channel=TEDxTalks

### Who's Next in Pittsburgh Tech

The Incline

Aug 2018

One of 22 people working in Technology under 40 named for making a difference in Pittsburgh

### Alumni that Build Award

The Roosevelt Institute

Aug 2015

### Tiana Notice Leadership Award

The Roosevelt Institute Campus Network

Aug 2012

### Lawson-Loewenberg-Van Cleve Prize

The Department of Politics at Mount Holyoke College

May 2012

## Organizations

### Conscious Venture Lab

Cohort 7

Jul 2021 - Present

### Global Shapers

Pittsburgh Hub Shaper

Dec 2018 - Present

### StartingBloc

Social Innovation Fellow

Apr 2016 - Present

### The Graduate Entrepreneurship Club @ CMU

Board Member

Jan 2017 - Dec 2017

One of the first two non-MBA graduate students to serve as board members.

## Groups



**Roosevelt Network Alumni**

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**Five Colleges Alumni**

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**Dietrich College Pittsburgh Summer Internship Program at Carnegie Mellon University**
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**Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts Alumni (only please)**
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**The White House, Executive, Legislative & Judicial Branches of the United States Employees & Alumni**
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**Heinz College of Information Systems and Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon University**
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