

Rafael “Rafa” Kern

Brief Biography

Rafa was born and (mostly) raised in São Paulo, Brazil. From the age of 10 to 13, his family moved to the United States, where he learned English (and Spanish) and fell in love with the idea of the United States higher education system. When he moved back to Brazil, he attended an English language school and eventually went to Yale University, where he received a BA in Theater Studies and worked as a science educator. In both capacities, Rafa was exploring the kinds of learning about how to live that we do with our bodies and hearts in addition to our heads, and that drove him to get a master’s in Technology and Education. After a couple years working in a startup in New York City and quitting to travel and learn Hebrew, Rafa is returning to full-time work on that fundamental question in September, when he’ll start his PhD in the Anthropology of Education at Stanford University. He currently lives in Jerusalem, Israel, but looks forward to establishing a home in the San Francisco Bay area in the near future.



Rafa works as a freelance education consultant and is also working on his first novel.

Why and how I would like to help FEA.

I first learned about FEA when one of my own friends and mentors connected me to Deepak. I was soon impressed by Deepak’s dedication and the quality of the work the Academy was doing, in addition to its numbers. As a native of Brazil, I am also very excited about the fact that all resources are free and open, and I hope people from my home can learn from and eventually replicate this model.

My first engagement with FEA was helping to find academics who might be interested in collaborating with the organization. When Deepak asked me if I could help with the mentorship program, I was very excited — mentoring has been extremely important in my life, and it is a process I believe in wholeheartedly.

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