

## Samira Kassem



### Hometown

Mahomet, IL

### Position

Communications Intern, Regional  
Transportation Authority (RTA)

### About

A native Illinoisan, Samira earned a bachelor's in political science from Illinois Wesleyan University, where she was editor-in-chief of the school newspaper the *Argus*. Upon graduating, she served as an

AmeriCorps VISTA with Legal Aid Chicago and worked for the University of Chicago Committee on South Asian Studies. She became interested in public transit and the ways that it can help people break boundaries, which spurred an internship at the Regional Transportation Authority.

### Notable memory

All friends that she has made. The most notable memory she has is when Joe had 25 of us all get on a bus in Milwaukee but did not realize that none of us had a fare card. Everyone on the bus and the driver were extremely confused but it would not be a Chaddick trip without some of Joe's loveable chaos.