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EDUCATION

The University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy

Master of Public Policy | Irving B. Harris Fellow | Certificate in Global Conflict Studies

Chicago, IL

June 2021

The University of Michigan, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

Bachelor of Arts with Distinction, Public Policy | Minor in History | Policy Focus Area: South Asian Policy

Ann Arbor, MI

May 2019

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Council on Foreign Relations

Intern, U.S. Foreign Policy

New York, NY

September – December 2020

- Supported senior fellow's book chapter assessing U.S. relations with China in framing of Taiwan issue, looking at developments in diplomatic triangle from 1949 through present to understand Chinese Government's historical posturing and thinking
- Constructed timeline of Chinese leadership's strategy on Taiwan, sourced from public statements and archival materials that include declassified memoranda and conversation transcripts, to provide greater insight on contemporary political and military actions

Brookings Institution

Research and Events Intern, The India Project

Washington, D.C.

June - August 2020

- Assisted Dr. Tanvi Madan, Director and Senior Fellow of The India Project, with research on India's relations with U.S. and China from 1980 to present and India's foreign policy choice between alignment and autonomy
- Compiled and analyzed nearly twenty years of public opinion data from India, as it pertains to relations with China and the U.S., in an effort to further understand the India-U.S.-China diplomatic triangle

Microsoft Research

Intern with the Modern Journalism Team

Redmond, WA

June - August 2019

- Created an annotated dataset of around a thousand U.S. politicians, with a priority for 2020 U.S. elections candidates, vital to creation and refining of MSR India's classifier NivaDuck and subsequent publication at the #SMSociety 2020 conference
- Verified and annotated unfiltered handles of several thousand political Twitter accounts with names, party information, congressional/legislative/senatorial seat or district, and other pertinent information

School of Information, The University of Michigan

Research Assistant to Dr. Joyojeet Pal

Ann Arbor, MI

October 2015 - June 2019

- Directed team engaging in research on negative language in tweets of key politicians in run-up to the 2019 Indian General Elections, resulting in peer-reviewed publication contributing to literature on internet discourse and policy issues around the internet
- Led project focusing on critical tweets of populist politicians, resulting in a peer-reviewed article published in a top-level journal and presented at the relevant conference, seeking to understand impact of free but negative expression by political leaders online
- Coordinated cross-functional research teams with diverse skillsets rooted in political science and information technology, hosting meetings where methodologies would be clearly communicated while gathering diverse findings from team to construct analyses

Office of Mayor Kevin Faulconer, The City of San Diego

Policy Intern

San Diego, CA

May - August 2018

- Developed research regarding police department retention rates, collating information not readily available from police departments in major cities to produce concise policy briefs outlining problems and solutions, contributing to policy to address SDPD's retention rates
- Produced information on public WIFI systems in major cities underwriting a meeting to bring service to local recreation centers
- Assessed dock-less scooter regulations in major cities to assist the Director of Economic Development respond to growing presence of companies such as Bird and Lime, through regulations and collaboration between entities involved to address the emerging technology

OTHER EXPERIENCE

The Burn Bag Podcast

Founder, Co-Host, and Producer

July 2020 - present

- Producing and hosting weekly national security podcast featuring leading and distinguished experts and practitioners in the sphere that have included a former Secretary of Defense, former CIA Directors, military leaders, sitting congresspeople, and others
- Coordinates all aspects of guest appearances, from invites to preparation of detailed agendas featuring well-researched questions and logistical information, working to ensure every topic is covered in accessible manner to diverse audiences
- Manages long-term strategy, growth opportunities, and guest pipeline in addition to overseeing marketing and presentation
- Spearheading partnership with Atlantic Council's Scowcroft Center, in addition to evaluating other opportunities for collaboration

Michigan Foreign Policy Council

President (May 2018-May 2019), Vice President (Jan-May 2018)

Ann Arbor, MI

January 2017 - April 2019

- Initiated expansion of group's scope to cultivate it as a student think tank, subsequently improving semester retention rates by 400%
- Partnered with the Ford School in initiating Diplomacy Lab (a program run by the State Department), in addition to producing biannual research symposiums with panels featuring distinguished speakers, ranging from NSC Officials to former Congressmen
- Mentored members on how to do foreign policy research, resulting in journal with articles by ten student teams each semester