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EDUCATION

• University of Oxford

Online

Advanced Diploma in IT Systems Analysis and Design

Oct 2018 - Oct 2019

• Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) Master of Arts in Conflict Management and Economics; GPA: 3.58 (4-1 scale)

Washington, DC Sep 2017 - May 2019

• Best Thesis Award: Awarded for my M.A. thesis "Adaptation for Optimal Learning in Conflict".

• Ludwig Maximilian University Munich

Munich, Germany

Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Literature and Philosophy; GPA: 1.24 (1-4 scale)

Sep 2013 - Nov 2016

EXPERIENCE

• Johns Hopkins SAIS

Washington, DC

Research Fellow

Sep 2019 - Present

• Research: Conduct research into how we can best approximate the organizational structures of non-state actors.

• Johns Hopkins SAIS

Washington, DC

Short Course Developer and Instructor

Dec 2018 - Present

- o Course Development: Co-developed Computational Applications to Policy and Strategy (CAPS), a first-of-a-kind course that emerges early-career policymakers in the policy and strategy considerations of key reinforcement learning algorithms and approaches. Successfully presented CAPS to leadership from the public sector and OpenAI.
- Teaching: Led a team of two co-teachers with 50+ enrolled students. Continuously refined student success.

• Johns Hopkins SAIS

Washington, DC

Research Assistant to Professor Sinisa Vukovic

Sep 2018 - May 2019

o Policy Analysis: Analyzed the emergence of hybrid conflict resolution mechanisms and contributed research on game theory and situational learning in conflict to papers forthcoming in Group Decision and Negotiation.

• Johns Hopkins University

Baltimore, MD

Research Assistant to Professor Brian Gunia

Aug 2018 - Mar 2019

• Economic Analysis: Researched transaction strategies in barter economies. Processed textual data on barter transactions using Python's sklearn and nltk packages for topic modeling and linguistic style matching.

• Saiss2stechnology.com

Washington, DC

Co-Founder

Feb 2018 - May 2019

- o Product Development: Delivered research reports on education at the intersection of policy and AI to SAIS's leadership. Prototyped related workshops with insights and best practices sourced from the industry.
- Leadership: Managed team growth from 1 to 10. Secured funding from Johns Hopkins Technology Ventures.

• Quirin Privatbank

Munich, Germany

Private Wealth Management Intern

Jan 2017 - Mar 2017

o Portfolio Analysis: Evaluated ETFs for a portfolio with EUR 350m AUM and compiled research briefs on smart beta strategies. Reported to CEO on identifying novel ways for client acquisition using personalized narratives.

Projects

• Assured Autonomy: AI initiative associated with the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab

Summer 2019

• Data Analysis: Analyzed means for generalized game bot detection as part of an AI safety research project.

Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

- Opponent Modeling of the Taliban: Research paper presented [at IACM 2019]. [Draft].
- Strategy and Turning Points: Research paper presented [at IACM 2018]. [Draft] and [slides].

SKILLS

- Languages: English (fluent), German (native)
- Technical: Python (beginner; numpy, python-sc2, sc2-reader, s2protocol), Tableau (beginner), Excel (proficient)
- Interests: Education and technology, Games and game theory, AI policy and strategy, Peacebuilding