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EDUCATION

University of Oxford: *Advanced Diploma in IT Systems Analysis and Design* **Online** Oct. 2018 – Sep. 2019
- Year-long program serving as an introduction to data engineering

Johns Hopkins University SAIS: *Master of Arts in Intl. Relations and Economics* **Washington, DC** Sep. 2017 – May 2019
- **Overall Degree GPA:** 3.58/4.00
- Awarded the *Best Thesis Award* for my M.A. thesis on adaptation in contemporary conflicts
- Awarded the *JHU Technology Venture Spark Grant* for writing a business plan for an education app

LMU Munich: *Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Literature and Philosophy* **Munich, Germany** Sep. 2013 – Nov. 2016
- **Overall Degree GPA:** 1.24/1.00

WORK EXPERIENCE

Johns Hopkins University SAIS: *Research Fellow* **Washington, DC** Sep. 2019 – Present
- Clean and analyze large conflict data sets to research trends in modern war
- Implement multi-armed bandit models in Python, deriving novel insights about insurgent groups

Johns Hopkins University SAIS: *Curriculum Developer and Instructor* **Washington, DC** Mar. 2018 – Dec. 2019
- Developed 4 accredited professional development courses on AI
- Taught 75+ students and secured mentorship from a former U.S. Under Secretary of State
- Led a team of 2 co-teachers and hosted guest speakers from OpenAI and the Applied Physics Lab

Johns Hopkins University SAIS: *Research Assistant to Prof. Sinisa Vukovic* **Washington, DC** Sep. 2018 – May 2019
- Compiled multiple in-depth research briefs on decentralized peace keeping

SAIS S2S Technology: *Co-Founder* **Washington, DC** Feb. 2018 – May 2019
- Built a local peer-to-peer education platform to share students' knowledge
- Grew team from 1 to 10, hosted student-led courses, and secured funding from JHU Tech. Ventures
- Presented to SAIS's Dean Vali Nasr on how to build adaptive education around students as teachers

Johns Hopkins University: *Research Assistant to Prof. Brian Gunia* **Baltimore, MD** Sep. 2018 – Mar. 2019
- Researched alternative economies and analyzed transaction data in Python

Quirin Privatbank *Private Wealth Management Intern* **Munich, Germany** Jan 2017 – Mar. 2017
- Supported staff through analysis of ETFs and related compliance tasks

Munich Kammerspiele Theater: *Actor* **Munich, Germany** Apr. 2015 – Dec. 2015
- Played a lead role among a professional cast in a top national theater
- Reached an audience of 2500+ over 20+ shows, rapidly learning about improvising under pressure

Various Film Production Companies: *Intern and 2nd Assistant Director* **Hamburg, Germany** Dec. 2012 – Mar. 2014
- Booked and led 1200+ extras across 5 feature film productions

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PAPERS

Approximating the Optimal Negotiation Behavior of Terrorist Groups 2020
- Invited to the *International Studies Association* conference to present a quantitative case study

Opponent Modeling of the Taliban in Afghanistan's Emerging Peace Talks 2019
- Invited to the *Intl. Assn. for Conflict Management* conference to present on the Taliban

Strategy and Turning Points 2018
- Invited to the *Intl. Assn. for Conflict Management* conference to present on negotiation strategies

SKILLS, VOLUNTEERING & INTERESTS

Languages: Fluent in English, native in German
Technical skills: Familiar with Python (see my GitHub account), proficient in MS Office suite
Volunteering: Spent 10 months co-living with a quadriplegic man and accompanying him to university
Interests: Writing, Running, Reading about how technology changes human decision-making