

# LARS ERIK SCHONANDER

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## EDUCATION

**The George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs, Washington, D.C** May 2020  
Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs and in Economics, Concentration in International Economics, GPA 3.31  
**Language Proficiency:** Spanish (Upper-Intermediate proficiency)

## SKILLS

**Programming Languages:** SQL, R, Python (Pandas, scikit-learn), HTML, CSS, and JavaScript (D3.js, Svelte, React)

**Databases:** SQLite, PostgreSQL

**Operating Systems:** Linux, Windows

**Statistical Software:** Stata

**Software:** Tableau, Excel, WordPress, MailChimp, Eventbrite, Adobe Illustrator, Git

## TECHNICAL PROJECT

**BuzzFeed News Article Analysis** June 2019 - July 2019

- Used R to extract and store in an SQLite database 49,050 BuzzFeed news Articles, along with nearly 150,000 The Guardian Articles.
- Performed topic modeling for the BuzzFeed articles. Results can be seen in The Aggregate for the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. [Link](#)
- Enacted exploratory data analysis of collected BuzzFeed News and The Guardian articles. Examples can be seen in The Aggregate for the 25<sup>th</sup> of June. [Link](#)

## EXPERIENCE

**Lincoln Park Strategies – Polling Intern, Washington, D.C.** February 2019 - Present

- Researched background on political candidates in the 2019/2020 election cycle.
- Analyzed, visualized, and modeled political data in R, e.g. modeled democratic primary polling data and visualized it in a shiny dashboard.
- Deployed Python libraries like scikit-learn to create machine learning models to predict voter responses in primary elections.

**Accomplishment:** Added sentiment analysis of textual responses to polls to the reports provided to clients.

**MediaFile – Industry Section Editor, Washington, D.C.**

April 2019 – Present

- Led writers reporting on media news, e.g. covering major layoffs.
- Created data graphics in R and exported with Adobe Illustrator.

**Accomplishment:** Helped writers report on the media industry itself.

**All in for Development - Information Technology Intern, Washington, D.C.**

April 2018 - August 2018

- Managed legacy website frontend and administered WordPress backend.
- Designed and visualized dashboards of geospatial data with JavaScript, React.js, and Python for grant proposals.
- Provided technical input for grant proposals, e.g. anti-DDOS technology for Nicaraguan NGOs.

**Accomplishment:** Improved report on state-sanctioned violence in Nicaragua

**MediaFile - International Section Writer, Washington, D.C.**

August 2017 – April 2019

- Reported on international media and events with a focus on writing about technology and media.
- Interviewed Asad J. Malik on *Asad and Assad* and usage of AR/VR tech to explore social issues.

**Accomplishment:** Wrote on international media events for nearly two years.

## PUBLICATIONS

Snapchat Political Ad Spending Shows Creativity

MediaFile, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Aggregate October 22nd, 2019

Substack Newsletter, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

The Aggregate September 3rd, 2019

Substack Newsletter, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Industry Reminded Yet Again of Geographic Disparity

MediaFile, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Students Help Spot Fake News in Ukrainian Election

MediaFile, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

## ACTIVITIES

Hack Princeton, Princeton, NJ, Nov 8-10, 2019,

Skills used: JavaScript, React.js, CSS, Ajax, Amazon S3

hackNY, NY, September 28-29, 2019

Skills used: Python (Scikit-Learn, Flask), R, Heroku

ETHNewYork, NY, May 17-19, 2019

Skills used: R, Shiny

Hoya Hacks, Washington, D.C., February 1-3, 2019

Skills used: JavaScript, PostgreSQL, SQL

Brother (Treasurer), GWU Knights of Columbus, Washington, D.C., 2017 (2019) - Present

Member, GW Data, Washington, D.C., 2017- Present

Member, GW College Democrats, Washington, D.C., 2016 – Present

Canvasser, Hillary for America, Fall 2016