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EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy

Master of Public Policy (MPP), Data Analytics Specialization

Chicago, IL

Expected June 2026

- Pearson Fellow: Awarded fellowship (top 4% of class) for leadership and excellence in global conflict resolution studies

St. Olaf College

B.A. in Quantitative Economics, Political Science, International Relations

Northfield, MN

May 2022

- Davis Scholar: Scholarship awarded by Davis UWC Scholars Program for academic excellence and global engagement

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, R, SAS, Stata, SQL, SPSS, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, SVG, D3, NVivo

Data Analysis & Visualization: Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, Folium, Seaborn, ggplot2, Tableau, Excel, ArcGIS Pro

Statistical Methods: Regression, Instrumental Variables, Regression Discontinuity, Time Series, Panel Data, Propensity Score Matching, Synthetic Control, Econometrics

Tools & Platforms: Jira, Asana, Monday.com, Slack, HubSpot, Git, LaTeX, Overleaf, SharePoint

Languages: English (Fluent), Hindi (Fluent), Marathi (Fluent)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Cook County Assessor's Office (CCAO)

Data Analyst

Chicago, IL

Jan 2026 – Present

- Build property tax assessment systems using R and Python to analyze and validate large-scale real estate data
- Produce analytical reports and supported data-driven reforms to improve transparency and equity in property taxation

United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

Data for Global Development Intern – Data, AI, and Innovation Hub

New York, NY (Remote)

Aug 2025 – Dec 2025

- Designed 2-week data-to-policy trainings for up to 35 policymakers across 3 countries, empowering evidence-based policymaking through data analytics and visualization techniques
- Authored Data Governance report for Uzbekistan identifying technical and legal infrastructure gaps, providing policy recommendations on creating better interoperability across government agencies
- Conducted due diligence processes for data master agreements with large tech firms to evaluate risk and secure data sharing partnerships for national digital transformation initiatives

Busara Center for Behavioral Economics

Research and Advisory Intern

Nairobi, Kenya

June 2025 – Aug 2025

- Designed and implemented behavior change intervention to reduce child labor across 4 states in Kenya, including survey design, instrument development, data collection, and analysis using statistical models to measure treatment effects
- Developed interactive data visualizations using Python libraries (matplotlib, folium) to synthesize research findings for stakeholder presentations
- Analyzed survey manuscripts with NVivo, conducting qualitative analysis evaluating instrument and program impact

Acumen, LLC

Data and Policy Analyst (Statistical Programmer)

Washington, DC

Oct 2022 – May 2024

- Uncovered \$500M in cost savings for Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) by analyzing large-scale Medicare datasets like HIGLASS (4.4M+ records) using SAS, SQL, and Stata
- Optimized statistical models used in quarterly evaluation of 600+ medical procedures, informing CMS policy decisions and resource allocation strategies
- Led client meetings with CMS officials, coordinating logistics, setting agendas, facilitating decision-making discussions, and documenting action items
- Authored methodologies outlining statistical workflows, enhancing transparency and consistency across project teams

Harris Community Action

Data and Technology Fellow for New Community Outreach (NCO)

Chicago, IL

Nov 2024 – Mar 2025

- Authored annual report analyzing surveys from 200 respondents, presenting findings on program outcomes and community impact
- Conducted cost-benefit analysis of food security programs serving 200+ community members, identifying intervention strategies with 20% projected increase in reach per dollar spent

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Chicago

Research Assistant – Prof. Mareike Schomerus

Chicago, IL

June 2025 – Present

- Conduct literature reviews and qualitative analysis on democratic backsliding worldwide, integrating behavioral economics and COMBI frameworks to identify drivers of declining democratic institutions and synthesize evidence-based policy interventions

Harvard University, ICH Policy Hackathon

Finalist (Top 10 of 401 global entries)

Boston, MA

Jan 2025 – Feb 2025

- Developed stochastic financial model to simulate credit allocation strategies for over 1.2M farmers in India, recommending reallocation of 8% of priority sector lending to mitigate agricultural debt-to-asset ratio
- Designed integrated approach combining land digitization and fintech tools to expand rural credit access, presenting recommendations to Indian government officials for potential adoption

St. Olaf College, Economics Department

Research Assistant - Prof. Seth Binder

Northfield, MN

June 2021 – Dec 2021

- Developed land cost prediction model using geospatial and economic data to evaluate employment policies, achieving 7x more jobs under \$136M budget than Minnesota's \$546M welfare spend in 2019
- Built propensity score models with U.S. Census and USDA data to estimate 52% program uptake and poverty reduction outcomes
- Contributed to peer-reviewed publication: Gold, M., Binder, S., & Nolte, C. (2023). Expanding the coverage and accuracy of parcel-level land value estimates. PLOS ONE, 18(9), e0291182

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

University of Chicago

Vice President, South Asian Student Policy Association

Chicago, IL

May 2025 – Present

University of Chicago

Writer & Coordinator, Asian Policy Forum

Chicago, IL

Oct 2024 – May 2025

University of Chicago

Orientation Leader

Chicago, IL

Mar 2025 – Present

Acumen, LLC

Writer, DEI Newsletter

Washington, DC

Jan 2023 – May 2024