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## EDUCATION

### Cornell University, College of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Government | Dean's List; IOPGA Scholar

Ithaca, NY

Expected May 2026

**Minors:** Information Science, Public Policy, Law & Society

**Related Courses:** Makings Sense of the World Politics (IR), American Foreign Policy, Political Theory, Macroeconomics, Emerging Technologies, Information Ethics, Law, & Policy, Data & the State, Programming & Web Design

## SKILLS

**Software:** HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript (jQuery), Python, R, GitHub, FACTIVA, ProQuest, LexisNexis, Muck Rack, Salesforce, CRM

**Languages:** English, Persian (Dari), Pashto, Urdu/Hindi, French, Arabic

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### Hoover Institution, Stanford University, *Student Research Fellow*, Palo Alto, CA

Dec 2024 - Jan 2025

- Conducted data collection and archival research, leveraging 100+ primary and secondary sources to support the project.
- Examined historical and contemporary publications (including periodicals, newspapers, and documents) to produce data-driven insights and content analysis about post-victory institutional transitions, continuity, governance and outcomes.

### Center for Global Democracy, *Research Assistant & Lead Democracy Fellow*, Ithaca, NY

Jun 2025 - Present

- Executed large-scale data extraction, cleaning, and integration of international supplier datasets, ensuring 100% accuracy and consistency across multi-country sources for research use.
- Designed and implemented creative workflow automation strategies to streamline the extraction and integration of complex, multi-country supplier datasets, reducing manual processing time and errors.

### Legal Information Institute, Cornell Law School, *Research Assistant*, Ithaca, NY

Sep 2024 - Present

- Conducted quality assurance reviews for 120+ legal encyclopedia entries in the Wex Legal Dictionary, identifying and flagging content to enhance accuracy and reliability.
- Produce concise legislative and judicial summaries, applying advanced legal research methods and editorial standards to translate complex legal materials into accessible, authoritative resources for diverse audiences.

### Justia, *Legal Research Intern*, Ithaca, NY

May 2025 - Aug 2025

- Streamlined 300+ U.S. Supreme Court case summaries for Oyez (a public archive of Court decisions), translating complex legal opinions into accessible abstracts to enhance civic understanding.
- Collaborated with the PI to ensure accuracy and consistency while making judicial reasoning comprehensible

### Center for International Policy (CIP), *Tech Policy & Security Assistance Monitor Intern*, New York, NY

May 2023 - June 2023

- Researched and analyzed global policies on defense, environment, cyber, immigration, militarism, and more; published 170+ tweets and 10+ weekly reports to engage 10K+ followers on diverse issues.
- Analyzed 50+ US congressional bills on tech and security policy; leveraged Security Assistance Monitor (SAM) database to identify trends in \$20B+ in arms transfers and foreign military aid across 70+ countries.

### Gender & Security Sector Lab, Cornell University, *Research Assistant*, Ithaca, NY

Feb 2023 - Aug 2023

- Utilized data collection & analysis techniques to identify patterns and trends in violence against public-facing women, contributing to ongoing research projects led by GSS Lab directors.
- Analyzed cross-national time-series data using platforms like LexisNexis, ProQuest, and Factiva in 3 different languages.

### Ford Foundation, *Intern*, New York, NY

June 2024 - Aug 2024

- Led a cross-departmental project to optimize existing IT systems by revising and streamlining the user guide for improved usability, collaborating with 24 staff members across three functional teams.
- Facilitated high-profile global events and convenings, including the World Wide Meeting, by designing visual materials, coordinating catering services, and managing logistics to ensure seamless execution.
- Utilized Salesforce (FordCRM), Excel, and internal data systems to support data hygiene initiatives; improved relationship tracking accuracy and institutional knowledge.

### Rational 360, *Public Relations Intern*, Washington, DC

Jan 2024 - May 2024

- Spearheaded campaigns for two prominent clients, enhancing brand visibility and addressing industry challenges through actionable insights and increased third-party engagement.
- Delivered comprehensive proofreading, analysis, and research on the US cyber threats and drug shortages in the state of North Carolina, informing a data-driven and thorough understanding of the problem for the stakeholders.
- Conducted 3+ landscape assessments using Muck Rack and LeadershipConnect, identifying key media trends and informing strategic outreach in the public relations sector.

## LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Founder, Applied Public Policy Strategies (2025-Present); President, Organization for Afghan Students (2024-2025); Vice-President, International Students Association (2023-2024); Supervisor, Cornell Service Center (2022-2024); Resident Advisor, Housing & Residential Life (2023-2025); Peer Career Coach, Career Services Office (2023-2024); Member, Student Advisory Board, Alexander Hamilton Society, Sigma Alpha Mu; Mentor, Prepare; Cornell in Washington Ambassador; Handshake AI, Fellow