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EDUCATION

Cornell University, College of Arts & Sciences   Ithaca, NY
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Government & Information Science,   Expected May 2026

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

SKILLS

Software: HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript (jQuery), Python, GitHub, FACTIVA, ProQuest, LexisNexis, Muck Rack, MS Office, Adobe Suit, VS Code, Salesforce, Stata
Languages: English, Persian (Dari), Pashto, Urdu

EXPERIENCE

Legal Information Institute   Sep 2024 – Present
Research Assistant   Ithaca, NY
- Conducted quality assurance reviews for 130+ legal encyclopedia entries in the Wex Legal Dictionary, identifying and flagging outdated or unclear content to enhance accuracy and reliability.
- Developed research and analytical skills through the critical evaluation of legal content, applying advanced editorial standards and contributing to the accessibility and integrity of legal scholarship.

Rational 360   Jan 2024 – May 2024
Public Relations Intern   Washington, DC
- Spearheaded campaigns for pioneering biotechnology and healthcare firms, enhancing brand visibility and addressing challenges through strategic communications and research.
- Delivered comprehensive proofread, analysis, and research on ransomware cyberattacks and US drug shortages, informing a data-driven and thorough understanding of the problem for the stakeholders.
- Performed 3 landscape assessments, utilizing Muck Rack platform to identify trends for media coverage, resulting in strategic positioning and positive industry press.

Center for International Policy (CIP)   May 2023 – June 2023
Technology Policy & Monitor Intern   New York, NY
- Researched and analyzed global tech policies, publishing over 10 weekly monitor reports with 170+ social media updates.
- Tracked security trends and evaluated the impact of international tech policy changes to support informed decision-making.

Gender & Security Sector Lab, Cornell University   Feb 2023 – Aug 2023
Research Assistant   Ithaca, NY
- Utilized data collection & analysis techniques to identify patterns and trends in post-conflict 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 (Countries of Peru, Liberia, & Afghanistan) in different languages.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Hoover Institution, Stanford University   Dec 2024 – Present
Student Research Fellow   Stanford, CA
- Conducted data collection and archival research, leveraging 100+ primary and secondary sources to support the project led by the research affiliates.
- Examined historical and contemporary publications—including periodicals, newspapers, and documents—to produce data-driven insights on post-victory governance and outcomes.

Ford Foundation   June 2024 – Aug 2024
Intern   New York, NY
- Led a project to enhance existing information technology systems by updating and streamlining the meeting room information guide for improved usability, collaborating with 24 team members across 3 teams.
- Facilitated global events and meetings, including the World Wide Meeting, by designing visual materials, coordinating catering services, and managing logistics to ensure seamless execution.

ACTIVITIES

International Services Student Advisory Board, International Students Union (*VP of Advocacy*), Organization for Afghan Students (*President*), Cornell Service Center (*Supervisor),* Peer Career Coach, Resident Advisor, Prepare Mentor, Climate Justice Cornell, Cornell Undergraduate Research Journal