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EDUCATION

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, School of International Service; Washington D.C. *May 2023*
Master of International Affairs, Global Governance, Politics, and Security
- SIS Dean's Award Scholarship; GPA 3.95
- Presidential Management Fellowship Finalist
- *University of Jordan*, semester; conflict resolution, Arabic language
- *Cambridge University*, summer; intelligence and security, independent research
- *Sultan Qaboos*, semester fellowship; Arabic language and culture
- *Middlebury Language School*, summer fellowship; Arabic language and culture

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, College of Liberal Arts; Austin, TX *Dec. 2019*
Bachelor of Sociology; Bachelor of Government
- University Honors; GPA 3.80
- *Archer Fellowship*, semester; Legislative and Press Fellow for a member of US Congress
- *Collegium Civitas Warsaw*, summer; criminal justice, international security

DATA ANALYSIS SKILLS

- Software: R/R studio/R markdown; Excel; SPSS; STATA
- Visualization: ggplot, patchwork, scales, knitr
- Wrangling: reshaping, merging, cleaning
- Statistics: descriptive analysis, regression
- Research design: question development, survey design, conducting interviews, creating datasets
- Utilize and clean raw data; ensure accurate and efficient data sourcing

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Factum Global – *Consultant*; Washington, D.C. *Feb. 2023-Present*
- Develop sector discovery analysis reports with identified customer personas and trends
- Draft recommendations for client engagement channels and strategy
- Produce deliverables and manage team engagement with client

Cambridge Security Initiative – *Researcher*; Cambridge, United Kingdom *Jul. 2022-Aug. 2022*
- Evaluated the use and implementations of artificial intelligence technologies in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for social control and parallels to uses in the People's Republic of China
- Used secondary and tertiary sources to qualitatively analyze the relationship

National Defense University – *Research Intern*; Washington, D.C. *Sep. 2021-Jan. 2022*
- Drafted scenario documents and designed and developed products for simulations and wargames in support of the Center for Strategic and Applied Learning team
- Developed expertise in public policy, decision-making processes, and U.S. national security concerns
- Independently explored designs for a strategic war-game that studied the implications of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan and the possibility of a resurgence of the Islamic State in the region

Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain – Washington, D.C. *Oct. 2020-Jul. 2021*
Security Advisor (Mar. 2021-Jul. 2021)
Research & Security Analyst (Oct. 2020-Mar. 2021)
- Authored analytical products including infographics, white papers, research briefs, presentations, and publications that supported a range of readers such as U.S. and Bahrain government agencies and the embassy

- Supported program management activities including tracking and reporting metrics, documenting meeting notes, developing key performance indicators, and executing administrative tasks
- Used qualitative and quantitative data analysis skills to present specific threats in a weekly intelligence brief
- Managed the international security portfolio covering topics of cybersecurity, emerging technologies, human rights, law enforcement practices, external threats, and criminal justice policies
- Briefed the Security Attaché on on-going security threats and rapidly developed policy recommendations
- Conducted hiring, onboarding, and training of new researchers and interns, and managed the research team by assigning tasks and evaluating projects and products

Embassy of Afghanistan – *Communications & Press Fellow*; Washington, D.C.   *Jun. 2020-Sep. 2020*
- Authored speeches, press releases, op-eds, articles, and talking points for the Ambassador
- Managed crises and rapid response through active monitoring of Afghan, US, and international media and news
- Developed comprehensive plans to grow following and engage users across all media platforms, including a month-long campaign that increased Twitter following by thousands of followers (10% over 2 months)
- Drafted social media products including posts for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter

Office of Congresswoman Jackson Lee – *Legislative & Press Fellow*; Washington, D.C.   *Aug. 2019-Dec. 2019*
- Managed the Member's portfolio for the House Committee on the Budget and assisted with products for the House Committee on Foreign Affairs
- Drafted press releases, floor statements, opening remarks, and questions for the member
- Monitored news and media response, drafted talking points, and managed documents for 2019 U.S. House impeachment investigation into former President Donald J. Trump
- Conducted research and drafted legislation on economics, security, criminal justice, and voting rights
- Utilized Spanish language skills to adapt press materials and information for Spanish speaking constituents

Terrorism & Counterterrorism – *Student Researcher*; Austin, TX   *Jan. 2019-May 2019*
- Analyzed trends of terrorism through a regional lens to determine appropriate counterterrorism practices
- Utilized Microsoft Excel pivot tables to compare data and sort for specific variables and terrorist actions

War Studies Program – *Research Assistant*; Austin, TX   *Oct. 2018-Dec. 2018*
- Contributed to Scholar's dataset studying civil war and state actor retaliation to non-state actor actions
- Coded incidents in Excel based on research from Lexis Nexus, the GTD database, and scholarly articles
- Wrote incident summaries and citations for each individual action of retaliation included in the dataset

Collegium Civitas of Warsaw – *Researcher*; Warsaw, Poland   *May 2018-Jun. 2018*
- Conducted analytical interviews with prison inmates covering restorative justice practices and procedures
- Designed interview guides, coordinated interviews with prison management, and worked with translators

Terrorist Organizations and Health – *Research Assistant*; Austin, TX   *Jan. 2018-May 2018*
- Created datasets on the Islamic State of Iraq in the Levant and the Haqqani Network related to health services
- Coded data to establish patterns between successful terrorist control of land and health services provided to local populations
- Cleaned data with Research Fellow to assure quality control and accuracy of larger dataset
- Utilized tools in Microsoft Excel to explore trends and patterns in terrorism data across organizations

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Technical: Microsoft Office, Google Suite, Slack, Canva, R, Stata, SPSS, github
Global View: Languages – Spanish (proficient), Arabic (advanced beginner)
                  Studied – Jordan, England, Spain, Poland, Costa Rica, Israel, Palestine
Publication: *Raspberry Colored Scars*, poetry book, December 2019