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#### **EDUCATION**

#### Augustana College - Rock Island, Illinois

May 2026

Bachelor's of Arts in Economics, Data Science, and WGSS with a minor in Mathematics and Accounting

**Current GPA: 3.98/4.0** 

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### Research Assistant, Economics Department, Augustana College

December 2024 - Present

- Extract Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) data using R, structuring datasets to analyze temporal and regional trends in women's labor force participation and intimate partner violence (IPV) in Nepal.
- Assist in difference-in-differences (DiD) regression analysis to estimate the impact of Nepal's first female president on women's economic and social outcomes, conducting robustness checks to validate findings.
- Apply natural language processing (NLP) methods in Python to analyze policy documents, identifying legislative changes in domestic violence laws and gender policies.

# Peer Tutor, Reading/Writing Center (RWC), Augustana College

February 2023 - Present

- Provide individualized tutoring to 30+ students across disciplines, offering constructive feedback on writing structure, argument development, and research integration to enhance clarity and coherence.
- Facilitate semester-long writing courses, mentoring first-year students in foundational writing skills such as analytical reading, evidence-based reasoning, and revision strategies, while adapting instruction based on individual progress.
- Champion linguistic justice and cultural inclusivity by embracing students' linguistic identities and implementing multilingual tutoring strategies (e.g., sessions in Nepali and Hindi), ensuring equitable access to academic writing resources..

## Economics, Accounting, and Business Statistics Peer Tutor, Learning Commons, Augustana College

August 2023 - Present

- Guide students in mastering key quantitative concepts in economics, accounting, and statistics by breaking down complex theories, models, and calculations into simple, understandable steps.
- Adapt tutoring sessions to individual learning styles, helping students develop effective exam strategies, improve time management, and apply key concepts to solve problems confidently under test conditions.
- Collaborate with fellow tutors to share best practices and refine teaching methods, contributing to a team-oriented environment focused on maximizing student success.

# LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

# Founder/President, Baking Club, Augustana College

October 2024 - Present

- Founded and currently lead the Baking Club, establishing the club's mission and strategic direction, successfully recruiting 77 members in the first month through targeted outreach and events.
- Leverage campus connections to establish partnerships with organizations such as Student Government, Office of Student Life, Residential Life, and the Reading/Writing Center, securing event funding and resources to promote club activities and increase its visibility on campus.
- Drive member engagement and retention by actively seeking member input on weekly baking themes, allowing them to lead baking sessions in rotation, fostering a sense of ownership, community, and inclusivity within the club.

# Member, Honor Council, Augustana College

May 2023 - September 2024

- Apply insights gained as a peer tutor to advocate for a case-by-case approach, recognizing that cultural perspectives shape students' understanding of plagiarism.
- Evaluate academic integrity cases with consideration of the rise in AI-generated content, ensuring decisions are aligned with evolving academic policies while maintaining fairness and inclusivity for all students.

# Division Senator for Accounting, Business, and Economics, Student Government, Augustana College

May 2023 - September 2024

- Raised concerns about limited course availability in high-demand programs like Accounting, advocating for solutions to accommodate more students.
- Actively engaged in weekly meetings and highlighted transitional challenges of combining introductory college-level courses, particularly for international students.

# **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Programming Languages: Python, R, SQL

Machine Learning & AI: Predictive modeling, time series forecasting, natural language processing (NLP), transformer models, fine-tuning LLMs

Data Visualization: Tableau, matplotlib, ggplot2

Databases: PostgreSQL, MySQL