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# **EDUCATION**

**American University, School of International Service Washington, D.C.**

*Master of Arts in International Affairs* *May 2024*

* U.S. Foreign Policy and National Security Program

**Duquesne University Pittsburgh, PA**

*Bachelor of Arts in* *International Relations* *December 2018*

* Minor: French

# **Professional EXPERIENCE**

**Control Risks Washington, D.C.**

*Researcher – Threat Intelligence* *March 2024 – Present*

* Conduct initial threat assessments of individuals posing a threat to the company’s client to determine the level of risk individuals and groups pose.
* Leverage open-source and social media tools and techniques to identify and gather information on individuals.
* Communicate findings of assessments in concise written reports and apply peer review feedback as needed.

**American University, School of International Service Washington, D.C.**

*Part-Time Program Coordinator August 2023 – December 2023*

* Collaborated with faculty and staff members of the Department of Foreign Policy and Global Security on department events.
* Communicated with students via email listservs about upcoming events, opportunities, and program or department announcements.
* Created department and program newsletters to distribute to students, and use tools such as SurveyMonkey to gather and analyze feedback.
* Assisted with creating and updating program files, and other administrative tasks as needed.

**SMI Aware Pittsburgh, PA**

## Open-Source Intelligence AnalystJune 2021 – November 2022

* Conducted investigations using open source and proprietary software to research the social media and online presence of subjects based on scope provided by the client.
* Used Boolean Search Engine processes and advanced search engine techniques to search social media and filter results.
* Wrote detailed analytic reports based on findings and worked with export analysts to ensure proper preservation of metadata and other relevant evidence.
* Authored case study on social media algorithms.

# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND SKILLS**

**Volunteer Experiences:**

* SIS Graduate Student Council – Senator-at-large (September 2023 – Present)
* Africa Diaspora College Access Program – Mentor (August 2023 – Present)

**Projects:**

* Intelligence and Analysis Practicum (August 2023 – December 2023)

**Languages:**

* Amharic - Intermediate
* French - Intermediate

**Technical Skills:**

* R – Intermediate
  + Data analysis
  + Data cleaning
  + Data visualizations
* STATA – Basic
* MailChimp – Basic
* SurveyMonkey - Proficient
* Canva - Advanced
* Microsoft Office Suite – Proficient
* Google Workspace – Proficient

**Honors and Awards:**

* Outstanding Service on Campus, Department of Foreign Policy & Global Security (2024)
* The Chair’s Award, Department of Foreign Policy & Global Security (2024)