

# Max Whalen

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### The Fund for American Studies

June 2025 - Present

#### Program Advisor, Journalism and Communications Summer Program

Advise students and coordinate programming for 45 students for a national journalism and communications fellowship.

##### Accomplishments:

- Served as liaison between undergraduate students, faculty, and TFAS staff to facilitate academic engagement
- Coordinate speaking engagements and site briefings with leading journalists in the D.C. area.
- Advise students on career paths, graduate school, and networking strategies in D.C.

### The Dispatch

May 2024 - August 2024

#### Editorial Intern

Lead research on a select array of political issues by providing thoughtful and fact-based commentary.

##### Accomplishments:

- Created memos to summarize research for other staff writers and editors.
- Written a dozen fact-check pieces correction misinformation found on Meta platforms.
- Interviewed sitting members of Congress, along with their campaign staff on breaking stories.

### Rochester City Court

June 2023 - August 2023

#### Judicial Intern

Work underneath lawyers, magistrates, and administrators to have a first-hand view of how our municipal judiciary operates.

##### Accomplishments:

- Observed courtroom proceedings to gain an understanding of the judicial process.
- Assisted with trial preparation activities such as organizing evidence, researching precedents, and developing arguments for trial.
- Conducted detailed legal research and analysis of complex statutes, regulations, and case law.

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

### The Cornell Review

September 2023 - Current

#### Business Manager, Editor in Chief

Manage our team of editors and staff writers at one of the two largest newspapers at Cornell University.

##### Accomplishments:

- Set deadlines for staff writers and editors for pieces to be published on our website.
- Work with the Business Staff to establish an annual budget to be presented to the club.
- Review, observe, and write relevant pieces on the current climate at one of the politically active campuses in the United States.

### The College Republicans at Cornell University

June 2024 - Current

#### President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer

Lead the most prominent center-right group on campus, overseeing events, speaker engagements, and club operations

##### Accomplishments:

- Act as the face of the organization
- Maintain relationships with current and past donors to maintain private funding.
- Increased active membership by 40% via targeted recruitment, first-year outreach, and issue-oriented recruitment

## EDUCATION

### BACHELOR IN ARTS (B.A.) IN GOVERNMENT CANDIDATE

3.8 GPA

Cornell University, Ithaca

Expected Graduation: May 2026

## SKILLS

- Python (Working Prof.)
- RCode
- Word Press
- Microsoft Suite
- Spanish (Limited Working Prof.)