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EDUCATION

Stanford University

Expected Graduation: June 2027

- Candidate for a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics; Russian Minor. Stanford Gordian Knot Center Defense Innovation Scholar | **GPA: 3.8/4.0**
- **Relevant Coursework:** Economics for Capital Markets, Investment Science (graduate-level), Linear Algebra, Multivariable Calculus, Differential Equations, Programming Abstractions, Programming Methodology, Proofs and Modern Mathematics, Scientific Python.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kudla Fund

Stanford, CA

Chief Investment Officer

September 2024 – Present

- Lead a \$1.7MM long/short equity student-run hedge fund, one of the largest in the U.S., overseeing security selection and executing trades.
- Initially selected as 1 of 15 students out of 100+ applicants at Stanford via a multi-round competitive technical interview process.
- Gained experience with financial modeling such as DCFs, three-statement modeling, revenue projections, and sensitivity analysis.

Farallon Capital Management

London, UK

Summer Analyst, Distressed Debt & Long/Short Equity Rotations

June 2025 – August 2025

- Sole summer analyst in the London office of a \$44B AUM hedge fund; produced investment memos for PMs across credit and long/short desks.
- **Distressed Debt:** Executed expert calls with European healthcare specialists and executives to diligence a distressed lab testing company in restructuring; built scenario-driven bond models in Excel to evaluate recovery ranges and IRRs, leading to a position on the fund's books.
- **Long/Short Equity:** Built a granular backlog-to-revenue model for a European industrial company that materially outperformed sell-side forecasts; constructed a three-statement model for a global energy equipment company, with findings adopted in active positioning.

The Hoover Institution

Stanford, CA

Student Fellow, Shultz Energy Policy Working Group

September 2024 – June 2025

- Presented to the Shultz Energy Policy Working Group on Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) export pricing drivers and capacity outlook for major West Coast gas infrastructure projects in Alaska, British Columbia, and Mexico; assessed implications for U.S. growth and energy security.
- Modeled supply-demand scenarios using shipping distances, liquefaction costs, and global benchmark prices (JKM, TTF, Henry Hub) to evaluate American export competitiveness in end markets across Asia and Europe. Summarized findings in a 12-page, 6000+ word memo.

The Hudson Institute

Washington, DC

Undergraduate Research Intern, Center for Defense Concepts and Technology

January 2024 – December 2024

- Created a bottom-up budget model in Excel to identify the fungible space in the Air Force budget for the Next Generation Air-refueling System.
- Produced an 8-page, 2500+ word comprehensive analysis of China's electric vehicle sector and its growth across Europe and Latin America.

Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies

Stanford, CA

Undergraduate Economics Researcher and Stanford U.S.-Russia Forum Delegate

October 2023 – May 2024

- Analyzed the efficacy of post-Ukrainian international financial sanctions against Russia, examining 100+ academic publications and synthesizing critical findings in a first-of-its-kind literature review on the subject. Advised by Michael McFaul, ex-U.S. Ambassador to Russia.

Callan Associates

San Francisco, CA

Asset Management Intern

July 2023 – September 2023

- Utilized N-dimensional efficient frontiers and multivariate regressions to optimize multi-asset portfolio risk, conducting statistical t-tests to evaluate the efficacy of 10+ active managers relative to their benchmarks. Met with independent investment boutiques and hedge funds.
- Aggregated and analyzed 100+ years of historical return and tracking error data for various equities and fixed-income securities using Excel.

EXTRACURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT

Stanford Cowell Fund

January 2024 - Present

- Selected as 1 of 4 portfolio managers out of 100+ applicants. Programmed and implemented quantitative trading models in Python.

Charles R. Blyth Fund

September 2023 - Present

- Co-manage the Charles R. Blyth Fund, a \$280K+ L/S fund part of Stanford's endowment. Earned first place in intra-fund trading competition.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Languages: English, Russian, Spanish, Swedish. **Skills:** Bloomberg Terminal, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, R, Python, C++.

Activities & Societies: Alpha Epsilon Pi (Treasurer), Stanford Alexander Hamilton Society (President), Stanford Debate Society.