

# Paul Beblavy

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- **Research Assistant to Professor Michael Horowitz, University of Pennsylvania**  
*June 2025 – Present*
  - Support research on military innovation, AI-enabled warfare, and emerging defense technologies
  - Digitize and analyze archival material from the 19th-century U.S. Board of Ordnance (BOF), the military's earliest institutional innovation body
  - Conduct historical and technical research on BOF-developed weapons systems and assess their relevance to modern military innovation theory
  - Write reports on the role of AI in cyber operations and defense R&D
  - Design public opinion surveys on the responsibility of AI in military disasters
  - Analyze drone usage and UAV model classifications across contemporary conflicts
- **Under Secretary General for Crisis, University of Pennsylvania Model United Nations Conference**  
*Sept 2024 – Present*
  - Organizing UPMUNC, one of the biggest and most prestigious Model UN conferences in North America
  - Responsible for 4 Crisis Committees and over 100 delegates, developing topics, assigning positions, writing background guides, and resolving problems during the conference
  - Selected to become a senior member of the secretariat for 2026 conference
  - Board member of Penn's INTERCOL team, participated in BARMUN 2024; won an award at HNMUN 2025
- **Undergraduate Fellow & Member of Steering Committee, Collegium Institute**  
*Sept 2024 – Present*
  - Participating in Catholic Humanism seminars, focused on the application of Catholic philosophical thought to politics and law
  - Served as a member of Steering Committee, advising staff on seminar content, student preferences, and facilitating campus propagation of Collegium and Catholic thought
  - Accepted as an Undergraduate Fellow
- **Princeton in Beijing**  
*July – August 2024*
  - Took part in a 2-month intensive Mandarin summer language program on the campus of Beijing Normal University, in Beijing, China
  - Studied Mandarin Chinese 10 hours daily with the aid of native-speaking instructors
  - Signed language pledge to speak only Mandarin during the duration of the program
  - Interacted with Chinese-speaking PiB faculty, local inhabitants, and guest speakers
  - Immersed culturally in Beijing, and toured historical sites; visited Shanghai and took the High-speed rail
  - Attained ACTFL Advanced Level in Mandarin Chinese
- **United Nations Youth Delegate of Slovakia**  
*July 2023 – July 2024*
  - Selected as the youngest Slovak diplomat out of 47 candidates.
  - Delivered two speeches at the UNGA's 3rd Committee, engaging youth stakeholders globally.
  - Organized a summit in NYC with all V4 UN Youth Delegates and produced a written list of recommendations to align the UN with the interests of V4 youth
  - Conducted over 20 youth seminars and workshops across Slovakia.