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Education

MASTER OF ARTS IN WAR STUDIES | KING'S COLLEGE LONDON

- Dissertation: "Executive Authority and the War on Terror."

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GOVERNMENT | THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

- Minor: Philosophy

Professional Certifications

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN CYBERSECURITY | MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

GOOGLE DATA ANALYTICS PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE | GOOGLE

Languages:

English (Native)

Spanish (Advanced)

French (Intermediate)

Professional Skills:

Data Visualization (Tableau)

SQL & Data Analysis

Microsoft Excel

Professional Experience

INTELLIGENCE ANALYST | GOOGLE (CONTRACT) | AUSTIN, TX | DEC 2022 – PRESENT

- Monitored illicit digital activities of groups like Hamas, al-Qaeda, and ISIS using third-party research tools such as Flashpoint and Dataminr, aiding in the development of robust anti-money laundering policies.
- Lead complex compliance and content moderation research projects concerning elections in the European Union and Taiwan to prepare Google's product teams to counteract influence operations and avoid breeches of compliance.
- Investigated beneficial ownership of European charities using open-source techniques, ensuring adherence to OFAC sanctions and enhancing compliance integrity.
- Efficiently manages daily case assignments and prioritizes stakeholder requests, ensuring timely and accurate intelligence delivery to support Google's strategic decision-making processes.

FREELANCE WRITER | SELF-EMPLOYED (FULL TIME) | AUSTIN, TEXAS | MAY 2021 – DEC 2022

- Spearheaded comprehensive research and drafted incisive articles on AI intellectual property rights cases for Amini & Conant, a prestigious law firm, elevating the firm's thought leadership in the intersection of technology and law.
- Authored a comprehensive multi-part guide on Alabama's public finance systems, focusing on the prison system and census geography, which was integrated into Alabama Forward's training and professional development curriculum and shared with coalition partners for use in their outreach materials.

INTERN | CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (FULL TIME) | WASHINGTON, DC | JAN 2021 – APR 2021

- Advised the project management team for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Office of Servicemember Affairs' flagship educational initiative, Misadventures in Money Management—an online learning platform designed to educate young servicemembers and military families on avoiding common financial pitfalls in the military lifecycle.
- Orchestrated a multi-stage outreach and distribution campaign for the Misadventures in Money Management program, boosting online engagement scores and distributing over 5,000 physical copies of MiMM for use in base libraries across the continental United States.

OPERATIONS ASSISTANT | Y STRATEGY (FULL TIME) | AUSTIN, TEXAS | AUG 2018 – NOV 2020

- Partnered with 23 candidates for elected office across two high-stakes election cycles in the U.S.'s largest battleground state, contributing to the success of 17 office-seekers in my portfolio in 2020.
- Led a team of 6 interns in dynamic campaign operations, including fundraising calls, voter outreach, and field organizing, directly contributing to positive results and success for Y Strategy clients.

Awards & Academic Achievements

- **Bill Archer Fellowship:** Competitively selected to join the prestigious semester-long academic internship and fellowship program in Washington, DC, honoring former Congressman Bill Archer.
- **Anna Mae Hutchison Endowed Scholarship:** Merit-based scholarship awarded for academic excellence and public service at the University of Texas, honoring the legacy of Anna Mae Hutchison, one of Texas's most dedicated public servants.