

## DAVID AHERN

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### EDUCATION

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**American University School of International Service** Washington, DC  
Pursuing Masters of Arts in International Affairs (GPA 3.89) Aug. 2019 – May 2021

#### Relevant Coursework

- **Intl Affairs Statistics & Methods:** Conducted statistical analysis to investigate the factors that can predict different levels of party fragmentation across democracies and national instability.
- **Political Risk Analysis:** Assessed country risk in Ukraine to write a detailed report projecting major challenges to Chinese acquisition of a defense-sector investment and probable risk mitigation actions.
- **Challenges to European Governance and Politics:** Researched EU legislation regarding changes to energy security infrastructure to produce a briefing note (Regulation [EU] 2017/1938) and analyzed conflict between EU green energy initiatives and member states' foreign policy goals to identify policy resistance.

**Drexel University** Philadelphia, PA  
Bachelor of Science in History, *cum laude* Jun. 2013  
Minor in Political Science

#### Honors and Awards

Drexel College of Arts and Sciences History Essay Prize Senior Second Honors in History  
Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society Pennoni Honors Program

### SKILLS

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**Language:** Spanish Proficiency, Beginner Polish

**Computer:** Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Illustrator, Paint.net, WordPress, Audacity, Prism, Stata

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**National Cancer Institute**, Vaccines Branch Bethesda, MD  
Communications Writer Aug. 2018 – Present

- Edited ESL documents and created graphics for use in presentations and publication in research manuscripts.
- Conducted communication outreach to invited speakers and guests to organize programs for events.

Editorial Assistant Jun. 2017 – Jul. 2018

- Processed and monitored the progress of grant applications and personnel actions to support lab operations.
- Coordinated logistics with global institutions and organizations to plan foreign travel for staff and visitors.

**National Institutes of Health**, Division of Design & Construction Management Bethesda, MD  
Administrative Assistant Dec. 2014 – Jun. 2017

- Maintained databases to track and report the progress of construction projects and utility shutdowns.
- Created administrative documents, information packets, and training manuals to guide incoming staff.
- Secured sensitive information for timekeeping, badging, and facility access requests for rotating personnel.
- Managed government property and supported office relocation and infrastructure development.

### ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Delegation of the Government of Catalonia to the United States** Washington, DC  
Research Intern Sep. 2020 – Present

- Assessed the impact of developments in U.S. politics and foreign policy on international relations.
- Produced briefing memos and topical reports summarizing and interpreting events for Catalan personnel.
- Projected possible scenarios with consequences for Spanish–American relations and subnational actors.
- Delivered presentations and discussion with Delegation members to keep them apprised of developments.

**The Lithuania Tribune** lithuaniantribune.com  
Volunteer Editor May 2020 – Present

- Edited news articles translated from Lithuanian for publication as English language content.
- Used Lithuanian source material to reinterpret articles and find alternative translations as needed.
- Provided detailed feedback on translations of articles on Lithuanian politics, economy, and current affairs.