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EDUCATION

American University School of International Service Washington, DC
Master of Arts in International Affairs 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.
- *Frameworks of Comparative Politics*: Conducted a comparative case analysis of Visegrád states to explain the varying success of illiberal regimes in subverting independent media.
- *Democratic Decay and Authoritarianism*: Produced a comprehensive case study on the quality of Lithuanian democracy and trends in civil society to supply research for the *Democratic Erosion* database.

Drexel University Philadelphia, PA
Bachelor of Science in History, *cum laude* Jun. 2013
Minor in Political Science
Drexel College of Arts and Sciences History Essay Prize
Senior Second Honors in History

CONTINUING EDUCATION / SKILLS

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA • *SLI Intense Intermediate Polish* Jun. 2021 – Jul. 2021
Kościuszko Foundation, Washington, DC • *Intermittent Polish Study* Sep. 2016 – Dec. 2018

Language: Spanish Proficiency, Pre-Intermediate Polish

Computer: Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Illustrator, WordPress, Audacity, Prism, Stata

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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 journals.
- 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

The Lithuania Tribune lithuaniatribune.com
Volunteer Editor May 2020 – Present

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

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

- 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.
- Assessed the impact of developments in U.S. politics and foreign policy on international relations.