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Education

Carnegie Mellon University

Pittsburgh, PA

B.S. in Economics and Politics; Minor in Mathematical Sciences

August 2023 – May 2027

- Cumulative GPA: 3.84/4.00; Dean's List, all semesters
- Relevant Coursework: Research Design for Political Science; Writing for Political Science and Policy; Decision Processes in American Political Institutions; Economics and Data Science; Econometrics I and II; Intermediate Microeconomics and Macroeconomics

University College London

London, UK

Study Abroad, Affiliate Economics

September 2026 – December 2026

Research Experience

Council on Foreign Relations

New York, NY (Hybrid)

Intern, Russia Studies

Incoming, January 2026

- Conduct research and collect archival documents for Henry A. Kissinger Distinguished Fellow Thomas Graham's book project

Hudson Institute

Washington, DC

Research Intern

May 2026 – August 2026

- Support Asia-Pacific Security Chair Dr. Patrick Cronin across multiple concurrent research projects, producing analysis on U.S. remote and autonomous defense systems (UAVs, physical AI); evaluate the strategic and economic factors shaping their development, including production-scale lessons from Ukraine
- Draft backgrounders, memoranda, and meeting notes for senior-level discussions with counterparts from partner think tanks, embassies, and government representatives from the Republic of Korea, Japan, and other partner nations

The Institute of World Politics

Washington, DC

Research Intern, National Security Research Internship & Graduate Pathway Program

January 2026 – March 2026

- Design and develop an independent research project on military education programs as instruments of soft power, comparing Russia-China influence in Central Asia with U.S. engagement strategies
- Produce and deliver weekly intelligence-style policy briefs and memoranda on topics tied to national security and foreign policy

Babel Institute

Remote

European Studies Fellow

February 2026 – Present

- Conduct independent research on economic, political, and social issues affecting European youth
- Selected for Babel's inaugural fellowship cohort; authoring three pieces for *Verity*, the institute's launch journal (2026–2027)

Carnegie Mellon Institute for Strategy and Technology

Pittsburgh, PA

Research Assistant

August 2024 – Present

Project: "Describing the 'Other' in Contemporary War: Evidence from Russia's Invasion of Ukraine" PI: Dr. Daniel Silverman

- Develop a robust LLM classifier to detect dehumanizing rhetoric in Russian-language wartime discourse, manually coding 2,000+ social media posts to refine classification accuracy
- Collaborate with a multi-institutional, cross-departmental team of scholars from Carnegie Mellon University and Utah State University

Teaching Experience

CMU Office for Undergraduate Research and Scholar Development

Remote

Teaching Assistant, Summer Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (SURA)

May 2026 – August 2026

- Individually support around 100 SURA participants, providing rapid assistance to resolve challenges arising between students and their faculty research mentors
- Advise SURA program staff on strategies to boost participation and on-time assignment submission; help develop a grading framework designed to incentivize future cohorts

Tepper School of Business

Pittsburgh, PA

Teaching Assistant and Grader, Principles of Microeconomics

January 2024 – December 2025

- Teach weekly recitation for 20+ students, reinforcing classroom lecture material and clarifying complex microeconomics concepts
- Hold weekly office hours providing one-on-one support to strengthen student understanding

CMU Department of Languages, Cultures & Applied Linguistics

Pittsburgh, PA

Language Assistant, Elementary Russian I

August 2025 – December 2025

- Lead weekly one-on-one sessions to build students' Russian comprehension and communication skills
- Coach students on grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and conversational fluency through guided speaking practice
- Design and administer informal quizzes and exercises to assess retention of course material

CMU Department of Social and Decision Sciences

Pittsburgh, PA

Teaching Assistant, Human Intelligence and Human Stupidity

August 2025 – December 2025

- Collaborate with Dr. Danny Oppenheimer and a team of 4 TAs to design surprise final exam tasks and assessments for a 150+ student lecture course on human intelligence, group dynamics, and applied decision-making

Leadership & Volunteer Experience

Heterodox Academy CMU Campus Community

Pittsburgh, PA

Co-Chair

August 2024 – Present

- Co-lead a faculty- and student-supported chapter promoting open inquiry, viewpoint diversity, and constructive disagreement across campus
- Organize and moderate a guest lecture series featuring expert speakers on timely topics, growing attendance to 150+ participants, a fivefold increase over prior events

IDEA @ CMU (Inquiry, Disagreement, Exploration, and Argument)

Pittsburgh, PA

Co-Founder and Co-President

August 2025 – Present

- Co-founded and scaled a student organization emerging from the SPEAK (Students Prioritizing Effective Argumentation and Knowledge) initiative, inspired by award-winning *Dangerous Ideas in Science and Society* course
- Facilitate 10+ structured discussions and debates for undergraduate and graduate students on high-stakes topics, including abortion, gun policy, immigration, sex differences, and affirmative action, fostering respectful, evidence-based dialogue

CMU Computer Graphics and Animation Club

Pittsburgh, PA

Co-President

August 2025 – Present

- Drive membership growth by launching “animation movie nights” paired with hands-on follow-up workshops; established a leadership transition plan for incoming officers

Charity Warehouse for Ukrainian Refugees

Bat Yam, Israel

Volunteer

March 2022 – May 2022

- Sorted, packed, and dispatched relief materials, including clothing and food, to meet urgent refugee needs
- Provided supportive communication to refugees and fellow volunteers in the aftermath of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine

Publications

- [1] Kim, Anastasia. 2026. “Can Citizenship Be Conditional and Permanent?” *Carnegie Mellon Policy & Law Review*, Special Edition, July 23, 2026. <https://cmuplr.org/2026/07/23/can-citizenship-be-both-conditional-and-permanent/>
- [2] Chin, John, and Anastasia Kim. 2025. “Georgia's Second Rose Revolution.” *The Loop* (European Consortium for Political Research's Political Science Blog), January 9, 2025. <https://theloop.ecpr.eu/georgias-second-rose-revolution/>

Projects

Carnegie Mellon Institute for Strategy and Technology
Researcher, Summer Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship

Pittsburgh, PA

Summer 2025

Project: “Describing the ‘Other’ in Contemporary War: Evidence from Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine”

- Manually coded 2,000+ social media posts across multiple speech categories to improve an NLP model’s ability to detect adversarial dehumanizing language

Carnegie Mellon Institute for Strategy and Technology
Researcher, Collaborative Research Through Projects

Remote

Summer 2024

Project: “Authoritarian Influence and Democracy in Georgia” Supervisor: Dr. John Chin

- Analyzed Georgia’s democratic trajectory during the 2024 “foreign agent” law protests and parliamentary elections, examining authoritarian powers’ influence on democratic norms through interviews, polling data, and economic and political indicators
- Contributed to a collaborative research team studying the global impact of “sharp power” on the crisis of liberal democracy

Presentations

- “Describing the ‘Other’ in Contemporary War,” Strategies of War and Power in Ukraine and Russia paper panel, 5th Annual Student Conference of the Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies Northeast (REEESNE) Network, Yale University, hosted by the University of Pittsburgh, March 20, 2026.
- “From War to Inquiry: How Displacement Shaped My Path in Political Science,” Lightning Round Presentations, 5th Annual Student Conference of the REEESNE Network, Yale University, hosted by the University of Pittsburgh, March 21, 2026.
- “Describing the ‘Other’ in Contemporary War: Evidence from Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine,” Family Weekend Fall 2025 Dietrich Undergraduate Colloquium, October 4, 2025.
- “SPEAK (Scholars Prioritizing Effective Argumentation and Knowledge): A Space for Open Inquiry and Dialogue,” Family Weekend Fall 2025 Dietrich Undergraduate Colloquium, October 4, 2025.

Honors and Awards

- Dietrich College Senior Honors Program
 - Dietrich College Dean’s List High Honors
 - Dietrich College Dean’s List Honors
 - Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honor Society (Member)
 - McManus Washington Internship Scholarship, Pi Sigma Alpha
 - Washington Semester Program
 - Milton and Cynthia Friedman Fellowship
 - Dietrich College Summer Community Engagement Grant
 - Tartan Summer Grant
 - Korean American Scholarship Foundation (KASF) Scholarship
- Fall 2026 – Spring 2027

Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026

Fall 2023, Fall 2024

Summer 2026

Spring 2026

Spring 2026; Summer 2026

Summer 2026

Summer 2025, Summer 2026

2023–2024

Skills

Languages: Russian (Native/Fluent); German (Limited Working Proficiency)
Software: L^AT_EX, Overleaf, R, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook), Canva

Additional Experience

Moscow Physical Technical Institute
Correspondence School of Physics and Technology

Moscow, Russia

2019 – 2022

Moscow Center for Continuous Mathematical Education
Olympiad Math Club

Moscow, Russia

2019 – 2022

References

Patrick M. Cronin

Asia-Pacific Security Chair, Hudson Institute; Scholar in Residence, Carnegie Mellon Institute for Strategy & Technology

Relationship: Former supervisor for the research internship program at Hudson Institute.

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Daniel M. Silverman

Assistant Professor, Carnegie Mellon Institute for Strategy & Technology

Relationship: Professor; research supervisor and Principal Investigator for my work on wartime rhetoric and large language model analysis; secondary advisor for my senior honors thesis.

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Harvey Rishikof

Visiting Professor, Carnegie Mellon Institute for Strategy & Technology (Washington, DC office); Director of Policy and Cyber Security Research and Visiting Research Professor, University of Maryland, College Park, Applied Research Laboratory for Intelligence and Security; Senior Counselor, American Bar Association Standing Committee on Law and National Security

Relationship: Academic mentor and professor as part of the Carnegie Mellon Washington Semester Program. Under Professor Rishikof's mentorship, I authored two research papers for his courses, Contemporary U.S. Constitutional Law Issues and Analysis of U.S. Presidential Powers: "Can Citizenship Be Both Conditional and Permanent?" and "Objective Isolationism, Subjective Expansionism: Personalized Executive Power and the Foreign Affairs Constitution in the Second Trump Administration."

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Danny Oppenheimer

Professor of Decision Sciences and Psychology, Carnegie Mellon University

Relationship: Teaching supervisor and former professor for Human Intelligence and Human Stupidity; current faculty advisor for the Heterodox Academy campus community chapter at CMU.

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Melissa (Missy) V. Juarbe-Pratt

Director of National Security Internship Programs, The Institute of World Politics

Relationship: Former supervisor for the National Security Research Internship & Graduate Pathway Program at The Institute of World Politics.

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Margarita Portnykh

Assistant Teaching Professor of Business Analytics, Tepper School of Business

Relationship: Teaching supervisor and faculty mentor for Principles of Microeconomics. For the past two years, I served as Professor Portnykh's teaching assistant and grader, leading weekly recitations and supporting the course.

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Haleigh Bartos

Associate Professor of the Practice, Carnegie Mellon Institute for Strategy & Technology

Relationship: Academic mentor and former professor for Writing for Political Science and Policy. Professor Bartos had a major impact on my professional development, especially in guiding and supporting my transition to working in Washington, D.C.

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