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IMPACT STRATEGIST & FOUNDING PARTNER, AKHANDATAA LLC

policy + data analysis | research + technical writing | evaluation + project operations

EXPERIENCE

Akhandataa: Solutions for Impact | Washington, D.C. & Los Angeles, CA 07/17 - Present

Impact Strategist & Founding Partner

- Developing a start-up consulting company to provide solutions that increase impact and foster integrity.
- Applying a holistic method to consultation: strategy design, impact assessment, and collaboration acumen.
- Serving various organizations in the field of international development, public policy, and social enterprise.

World Bank Group | Washington, D.C. 03/17 - Present

Consultant: Education, Africa Region & Leadership, Learning, and Innovation

- Providing knowledge management and communications to boost impact of data-driven education solutions.
- Contributing to strategic program development and producing communication tools (blogs, briefs, graphs).
- Completed a comprehensive analytical report reviewing the status of WBG youth project portfolio.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation | Agoura Hills, CA 09/15 - 01/17

Consultant: Catholic Sisters Initiative - Global Programs

- Wrote a strategy report on scaling up community-based human development SDG initiatives in India.
- Analyzed projects and evaluated proposals to provide strategic directions for program development.
- Produced internal memos to increase organizational understanding and institutional impact.

UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs | Los Angeles, CA 05/14 - 09/15

Consultant: Office of the Dean and "Blueprint" Policy Magazine (short-term)

- Researched the impact of the global goods movement on local and regional economic development.
- Wrote a strategic memo to advise the UCLA Luskin School on future policy research initiatives.
- Improved communications and technical logistics for the *Blueprint* policy magazine focused on inequality.

Project Manager: Global Public Affairs Program

- Jointly managed strategic program development, liaising with internal and external partners.
- Handled key communications including website content, academic discussions, and major events.
- Developed substantive materials for workshops and program evaluation tools with team collaboration.

World Bank Group | Washington, D.C. 07/10 - 01/14

Research Analyst: South Asia Social Protection & Labor

- Completed a literature review analyzing social protection interventions in conflict-affected states.
- Provided research, report drafting, budget monitoring, firm contracting, and business travel in South Asia.
- Facilitated trust fund and project operations, including cash transfer and post-disaster schemes in Pakistan.

Operations Team Assistant: South Asia Human Development

- Assisted 6 international teams to streamline projects across different countries, offices, and client cultures.
- Edited and formatted sections of books, reports, papers, documents, and conference presentations.
- Collaboratively organized conferences and workshops in Washington, Dubai, and Bangkok.

EXPERIENCE [continued]

Government & Public Affairs of Teva Pharmaceuticals | Washington, D.C. 09/09 - 07/10

Government Affairs Assistant: Global and Federal Affairs

- Administered expense reports and documents, drafted correspondence, and edited publications.
- Facilitated consultant meetings, periodic conferences, office logistics, and charitable events.

Hudson Institute | Washington, D.C. 03/09 - 09/09

Research and Policy Intern: Center for Political-Military Analysis

- Wrote strategic policy briefs on conflict-affected states and researched EU security for papers and books.

Consulate General of Israel to New England | Boston, MA 03/08 - 09/08

Public Affairs Intern: Public Diplomacy, Press, and Political Affairs

- Provided press briefings analyzing political attitudes towards the Middle East to inform diplomatic policy.

International Institute for Justice and Development | Boston, MA 09/07 - 03/08

Research Intern: Justice and Development Program

- Crafted an evaluation toolkit to assess and improve justice systems and development progress in Africa.

EDUCATION

UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs | Los Angeles, CA 09/13 - 06/15

Master of Public Policy (MPP) - concentration in social and labor policy + nonprofit management

- **Certificate in Global Public Affairs:** *Economics & Governance + Urbanization & Regional Development*
- **Courses:** policy analysis, descriptive data analysis, program evaluation, econometrics, economics of policy implementation, labor law and social policy, international human rights law, disaster management, global labor markets, urbanization in developing world, globalization and regional development, GIS, STATA
- **Applied Policy Project:** *Providing Income Support in Afghanistan via Social Safety Nets* (awarded *Honors*)
- **Affiliations:** European Public Policy Conference (Presenter), UCLA Senior Fellows Program (Participant), UCLA Burkle Center for International Affairs: *The Generation* (Senior Editor)
- **Awards:** Department of Public Policy Honors (APP), Luskin Fellowship

Emmanuel College | Boston, MA 09/05 - 05/08

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Political Science + International Affairs (double major)

- **Courses:** comparative politics of developing states, international political economy, human issues in international relations, international law and institutions, U.S. foreign policy, EU law and politics, revolution and nationalism, cultural geography, economics and globalization, social science research methods, statistics
- **Senior Thesis Paper:** *Neoliberalism and Consolidation of Democracy in Poland and Brazil* (awarded *Distinction*)
- **Affiliations:** Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science National Honor Society (Member) EC Model UN at Harvard & University of Chicago (Delegation Officer), New England Political Science Association (Panelist)
- **Awards:** *Magna Cum Laude*, Distinction in the Field of Political Science, Dean's Scholarship

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Areas of Expertise: international development, social and labor policy, human rights, governance, NGOs

Professional Skills: policy analysis, program evaluation, project management, strategic research and writing

Technical Skills: MS Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Apple iWork, Wordpress, Oracle, SAP, ArcGIS, STATA

Language Skills: English (fluent/native level), Polish (native), French (intermediate), Italian (basic)