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## EDUCATION

### The George Washington University

Washington, DC

#### Master of Arts in International Development Studies

May 2026

- Concentration: Food Security and Agricultural Development
- GPA: 3.82/4.00
- **Selected Coursework:** Solutions in Sustainable Development: Agriculture and Climate Change in Malawi · MEL for International Development Programs · Locally-Led Humanitarian Assistance · Bottom-Up Development · Agriculture and Sustainable Food Systems · Soil Health and Regenerative Agriculture · Quantitative Analysis for International Affairs · Writing for International Policymakers · Development Project Implementation

### The George Washington University

Washington, DC

#### Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs and Philosophy

May 2025

- Concentration: International Development; Public Policy Focus in Philosophy
- Minor in French Language, Literature & Culture
- GPA: 3.78/4.00 · *Magna Cum Laude*

### Université Paris 8

Paris, France

#### Study Abroad

January 2024 – May 2024

- All coursework completed in French.

## RESEARCH & FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

### The George Washington University & SWISSAID

Matabeleland North Province, Zimbabwe

#### Graduate Consultant

November 2025 – May 2026

- Designed a multi-year, mixed-methods impact evaluation framework comparing agroecological and conventional Village Business Units in climate-vulnerable districts of Zimbabwe.
- Developed field-ready data collection tools, including a farmer logbook, KoboToolbox household survey modules, key informant interview guides, and focus group discussion protocols.
- Integrated validated measures including FIES, MDD-W, and TAPE to assess food security, women's dietary diversity, agroecological performance, and household resilience.
- Led 6 interviews, 5 focus group discussions, and 5 site visits with smallholder farmers; supported pilot-testing and refinement of instruments for feasibility and contextual fit.
- Collaborated with three fellow graduate consultants to produce and present a final evaluation framework, toolkit, and analysis plan to SWISSAID and GW stakeholders.

### The George Washington University

Kasungu, Malawi

#### Agricultural Development & Food Security Researcher

March 2025

- Conducted 13 interviews, 4 focus group discussions, and 9 site visits with smallholder farmers to examine perceptions of Sustainable Farming Program technologies, food security, and climate risk.
- Analyzed qualitative and quantitative data using thematic coding to identify patterns in technology adoption, perceived benefits, and farmer experience.
- Collaborated with two fellow researchers to produce a formal report shared with stakeholders including the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA).
- Presented findings at the 2025 Elliott School Student Research Showcase.

### The George Washington University

Guadalajara, Mexico

#### Social and Environmental Field Researcher

March 2023

- Examined social and environmental challenges in the Lake Chapala region through lectures, discussions, and engagement with local government officials and academics.
- Engaged with community activists, farmers, and Indigenous stakeholders to better understand local perspectives and potential responses to environmental and social pressures.
- Collaborated with five fellow researchers to produce a comprehensive report shared with stakeholders including the University of Guadalajara's Center for Economic and Administrative Sciences.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Alliance for Health Policy

Washington, DC

#### Executive Scheduler

February – August 2026

- Managed complex scheduling for the CEO and senior leadership, coordinating meetings with board members, donors, sponsors, and policy stakeholders.
- Coordinated logistics for board and committee meetings and handled high-priority scheduling changes across executive calendars.
- Served as a primary external scheduling contact, using Google Workspace to maintain accurate calendars and communicate professionally with senior stakeholders.

### Townhome Landscapes

Washington, DC

#### Lead Landscaper

May – December 2025

- Served as lead on-site crew member for landscape maintenance and installation projects, independently completing full-scale work while coordinating with management.
- Executed planting, transplanting, pruning, mulching, mowing, edging, and seasonal maintenance across varied residential properties.
- Adapted to changing site conditions and client needs while maintaining strong standards for safety, efficiency, and quality.

### Wild Wind Chimney Services

Warren, PA

#### Apprentice Stone Mason

May – August 2024

- Assisted four master masons with cutting, shaping, and laying stone for construction and restoration projects.
- Learned and applied traditional and modern masonry techniques, including mortar preparation and use of hand and power tools.
- Collaborated with the crew to maintain safe job sites and complete projects accurately, efficiently, and to a high standard.

### Private Family

Paris, France

#### Bilingual Childcare Provider

February – May 2024

- Provided childcare for two children in a French-speaking household, coordinating daily routines, activities, meals, and schedules.
- Developed age-appropriate activities in English and French that supported learning and language development.
- Communicated regularly with the family in French, strengthening professional proficiency through daily immersion and relationship-building.

### United Refining Company

Warren, PA

#### International Pipeline Operations Intern

May – August 2023

- Managed and updated technical data records for communications equipment across 25 international locations, ensuring accurate access to specifications.
- Designed and modeled detailed site-map diagrams for field communications equipment to support operational planning and site management.
- Traveled to Canada to support preparation and coordination for the operational transfer of a crude-oil pipeline.

#### Asset Performance Management Intern

May 2022 - January 2023

- Organized and classified regulatory and asset-acquisition records to improve accessibility and record management.
- Analyzed business workflows, identified process gaps, and recommended automation improvements that were later implemented.

## LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

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### Scouts BSA

Warren, PA

#### Assistant Scoutmaster & Merit Badge Councilor

August 2020 - Present

- Facilitate weekly programming for approximately 30 Scouts, providing leadership, mentorship, structure, and outdoor-skills instruction.
- Mentor youth in communication, personal finance, time management, community engagement, first aid, hiking, cooking, and other practical skills.
- Led 25 assistants in constructing a hiking shelter on the North Country National Scenic Trail.

## **The George Washington University**

**Washington, DC**

### **Site Leader & Logistics Volunteer for Welcome Day of Service**

**September 2023, 2024 & 2025**

- Coordinated with community partners, co-leaders, and approximately 50 participants to communicate project scope and support successful service activities.
- Assisted with logistics and participant organization for service events involving more than 2,000 volunteers.

### **Pennsylvania Envirothon**

**Warren, PA**

#### **Team Leader and Soils and Land Use Specialist**

**August 2016 – June 2020**

- Studied agricultural best practices related to soil health, erosion prevention, and sustainable land use.
- Conducted hands-on soil sampling and classification, including pH, texture, and nutrient analysis.
- Led a five-person environmental team to two county championships and statewide competition.

## **SKILLS**

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- **Research & Evaluation:** Mixed-Methods Research; Impact Evaluation; Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning (MEL); Survey Design; Key Informant Interviews; Focus Group Facilitation; Thematic Coding; Indicator Development; Literature Review
- **Data Collection & Analysis:** KoboToolbox; R; Tableau; GIS; Qualitative & Quantitative Data Analysis
- **Development Practice:** Food Security; Agricultural Development; Program Design; Smallholder Agriculture; Climate Resilience; Community-Led Development
- **Productivity & Collaboration:** Microsoft Office Suite; Google Workspace
- **Languages:** English (Native Proficiency); French (Professional Working Proficiency)

## **ACTIVITIES**

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- Member, Association for International Agriculture and Rural Development (AIARD), 2025-present
- Volunteer, The Store – GW's Food Pantry, The George Washington University, 2024-2026
- Volunteer, GroW Community Garden, The George Washington University, 2024-2026
- Member, Organization for International Development, The George Washington University, 2024-2026

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

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- Dean's List – 6 out of 8 undergraduate semesters
- Eagle Scout Honor – Scouting America
- Vigil Honor – Order of the Arrow