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**EDUCATION**

**Master of Arts | American University, School of International Service May 2023**

* Major: International Affairs, Concentration in Cybersecurity

**Bachelor of the Arts | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign May 2021**

* Major: Political Science, Certificate in Arms Control and Domestic and International Security

**Certifications:** CompTIA Security+ (expected) **April 2023**

**EXPERIENCE**

**Center for Security, Innovation, and New Technology (CSINT), Washington, DC**

*Fellow May 2022 – Present*

* Writing book reviews and undertaking independent research in the fields of new technology and cybersecurity.

**Journal of International Service, Washington, DC**

*Editor-In-Chief, previously Associate Editor and Editor Sep 2021 – Present*

* Responsible for leading the Editorial Board and helping pieces through the editorial process.
* Responsible for building internal and external relationships.
* Assisting Editor in Chief, Managing Editor in the Journal editing process by reviewing submitted articles to advance to the peer review stage and managing a team of editors.

**fp21, Washington, D.C.**

*Program Manager Jan 2022 – Sep 2022*

* Administered contract with Schmidt Futures to place technology executives in government jobs and advising positions.
* Built relationships between technology companies with government hiring offices.
* Member of the team that placed the new DOD Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer.
* Organized events for facilitating public-private cooperation.

*Research Assistant Sep 2021 – Jan 2022*

* Launched, maintained a research management database (Zotero) for foreign policy research
* Spearheaded a transition from fp21 to Salesforce by learning the software and researching software implementation contractors which led to recommendations for purchase.

**Senator Dick Durbin & Congressman Mike Quigley, Chicago, IL**

*Congressional Intern Jan 2019 – June 2021*

* Evaluated legislation and contributed to the decision-making process on the topics of international security cooperation, electric grid modernization, and ransomware.
* Wrote a policy brief for staff on the topic of ransomware which was later edited and published.
* Corresponded with members of the media in-person and in-writing to contribute to accurate and timely reporting of speeches and releases by the office.

**PUBLICATIONS**

* Sepich, Jake. “Evolution of Cyber Attribution in the United States.” *Center for Security, Innovation, and New Technology (CSINT).* Manuscript in preparation.
* Sepich, Jake. “Book Review – No Shortcuts: Why States Struggle to Develop a Cyber-Military Force.” *Center for Security, Innovation, and New Technology (CSINT).* Manuscript submitted for publication.
* Sepich, Jake. “On Ransomware.” *Journal of International Service*, April 29, 2022. <https://ausisjournal.com/2022/04/29/policy-brief-on-ransomware/>.
* Sepich, Jake. “In Support of an Independent Kurdistan.” *Illinois Journal on International Security*, vol. 7, no. 1, 2021, pp 28-42. <https://ugresearchjournals.illinois.edu/index.php/IJOIS/article/view/703/626>.