

RACHEL URBAN – RESEARCH ANALYST

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Strategic analyst with 10+ years of experience navigating international organizations, managing high-level global relationships, and coordinating executive engagement. Provides tailored, expert, actionable recommendations from research. Proven record of managing end-to-end projects, multi-million-dollar grant lifecycles, and briefing senior leaders in government and corporate sectors.

SKILLS

Program & Project Management | Cross-functional Collaboration | Process Optimization | Event Planning | Writing & Briefing | Executive Leadership | Stakeholder Relationship Management & Outreach Staff Management | Budgeting

SOFTWARE & TOOLS

SPSS, RStudio (Markdown & Quarto), Stata | Qualtrics, Decipher/Forsta Surveys, Survey Monkey | Microsoft Suite (e.g., PowerPoint, Excel), Google Suite (e.g., Forms), Dropbox, Canvas, Zotero, Monday, Canva, ArcGIS, AI tools (e.g., Gemini)

LANGUAGES

Software: LaTeX, Python, SQL | *Spoken:* [Native] English, [Elementary] Spanish & Russian

EXPERTISE

Policy Analysis | Quantitative & Qualitative Data Visualization & Storytelling | Parametric & Nonparametric Statistics | Survey Design & Methodology Experimental Designs | Segments | Driver Analyses | Inter-rater (or Inter-coder) Reliability

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

GRADUATE ASSISTANT: University of Nebraska | Lincoln, NE

Aug 2021 – Current

Held academic and administrative positions across Political Science, Psychology, and Natural Resources Laboratories.

- Coordinated cross-team collaborations (e.g., scenario building for decision-making testing).
- Developed university curricula for 4 courses (e.g., climate policy and women in politics).
- Assisted faculty leaders in managing on-site schedule continuity and student participant support for a study abroad program (Australia), and authored chapters for the program book.
- Led end-to-end quantitative and qualitative studies, including longitudinal designs.
- Provided weekly theoretical and quantitative research project audits to ensure data integrity and actionable results.
- Designed & piloted surveys to capture how on-campus pro-environmental, education, and national security attitudes were affected by media and other intervening variables (e.g., elite cues).

CONFERENCE CO-PLANNER & ORGANIZER: Hendricks Symposium | UNL | Lincoln, NE

2023 – 2024

- Created schedule (used LaTeX rendering) & Marketed international symposia on public opinion and security research.
- Hosted networking events, such as happy hours and dinner bookings, for keynote speakers, panelists, and guests.
- Managed hotel bookings and coordinated transportation for over 30 panelists and special guests.

(Professional Experience, Cont'd on p.2)

EDUCATION

PH.D. CANDIDATE: University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) | Lincoln, NE (USA)

Program: Doctor of Philosophy – Political Science

Specializations: Political Psychology, International Relations, & Natural Resources

MASTERS OF RESEARCH: University of Exeter | United Kingdom

Program: Masters of Research – Security, Conflict, & Human Rights

BACHELOR OF ARTS: University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) | Lincoln, NE (USA)

Program: Psychology & *Minors:* National Security Studies; Global Studies; Political Science; English

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS: Southeast Community College | Lincoln, NE (USA)

Program: Academic Transfer/General Studies

**RELEVANT
CERTIFICATIONS****SQL Business BootCamp:** Udemy & Pierian DataLearned how to apply SQL commands in business scenarios. [\[link\]](#).**Maximum Likelihood Estimation I & II:** Empirical Implications for Theoretical Modelling Institute
Trained in advanced multi-level modeling and spatial-temporal data analysis. [\[link\]](#).**Foresight (Intelligence) Analysis:** Pherson. [\[link NA\]](#)

Learned a “3D” qualitative method to think critically for future problem-solving.

Lean Six Sigma, Yellow Belt: Lean Six Sigma Institute. [\[link\]](#)

Demonstrated MAIC methodology expertise, identifying issues in complex processes.

Career Development: UNL College of Arts & Sciences. [\[link NA\]](#)

Workshop prepared for professional graduate careers outside of academia.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, Cont’d.**POLICY RESEARCH & STRATEGY ASSISTANT** | Catalyst Public Affairs | Lincoln, NE*Dec 2023 – May 2024*

- Analyzed & summarized bill impacts from the Nebraska state legislature for clients (Part-time).
- Conducted deep-dive renewable energy history and policy research across the Midwest to support client advocacy.

GRANT RESEARCH SUPPORT | University of Nebraska Medical Center | Virtual / Omaha, NE*Mar – Sept 2020*

- Temporary grant-funded position; Grant award: *US\$10 million*.
- Aided the Epidemiology Graduate Director for the Buffett Cancer Center’s P30 grant renewal, the first Community Engagement section.
- Gathered community-specific (e.g., Omaha Metro) and Nebraska-wide cancer descriptive and demographic statistics.
- Drafted and revised the grant section with the Graduate Director throughout the employment season.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR | University of Nebraska Medical Center | Omaha, NE*Dec 2019 – Mar 2020*

- Temporary grant-funded position; coordinated students and applicants for the Epidemiology Graduate Director.
- Drafted, organized, and implemented new Ph.D. and Masters of Public Health program procedures.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR | State of Nebraska | Lincoln, NE*Sept 2017 – Sept 2018*

- Managed program schedule and budget to align directors and KPMG industry contractors on Program FuzioN, a State of Nebraska state-wide multi-departmental implementation of Oracle cloud software.
- Tracked continuous records (e.g., program budget); attended director meetings and briefed to align stakeholders; recorded minutes; drafted briefs, presentations, and communications.

RESEARCH TEAM LEADER | Intelligence Community Scholars | Lincoln, NE*Jan 2016 – Aug 2018*

- Led 12 researchers in conducting high-stakes deterrence and emerging capability research for US Strategic Command.
- Briefed senior military officials and industry experts (audiences of 650+) on complex security and policy findings.

DIPLOMATIC SECURITY INTERN | US Department of State | Washington, D.C.*May – Aug 2016*

- Held a Secret-level security clearance to update the Victims’ Resource Advocacy Program’s (VRAP) resource database for survivors of abuse under the Department of State’s purview.
- Aided in event coordination for the international Department of State summits and inter-departmental meetings.
- Supplied under-utilized advocacy resources (e.g., hostage situations) and attended high-level policy briefings.
- Interviewed ranking detectives, branch chiefs, military, and intelligence officers.

RELEVANT RESEARCH**CROSS-NATIONAL PUBLIC ATTITUDES** | Co-author | Sergio Wals*Data Analysis & Manuscript Development*

- Manuscript 1 defines patterns in Mexican public attitudes across US Presidential administrations (2003-2024).
- Manuscript 2 seeks to understand how Mexican public attitudes are influenced by personality traits.

WATER POLICY EVENT TRACKING | Co-author | Taylor Gold & Sarah Michaels*Data Collection*

- Tracing how historical political narratives about water allocation in NE affected legislative outcomes.