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**SKILLS, LANGUAGES, WEBSITE**

# Hard Skills: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, STATA, R, Financial and Investment Management, Economic Research, Writing and Editing, Investigative and Digital Journalism, Website Creation, Administrative Support

* **Languages:** English (native), Mandarin Chinese (Working proficiency in four language skills, 12+ years of study)
* **Personal Website:** Founder and creator of website [*Perspectives of the Global*](https://www.houstonsladecommentary.com/), showcasing academic essays on international developments specifically political, economic, social and security issues with an emphasis on China.

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

# Cato Institute; Trade Policy Intern Washington D.C.

#  *September 2021 – December 2021*

# Conduct scholarly research on current international trade issues, collaborating on investigations into Section 301 tariffs between U.S. - China trade relations over IPR and technology practices whilst measuring the economic impacts.

# Draft and edit research memos, policy briefs and op-eds for consumption by scholars and other audiences on challenges pressing African trade relations as the AfCFTA Agreement unites regional trade groups and on WTO subsidy disciplines.

# University of Michigan, Dept. of Economics; Economic Researcher Ann Arbor, MI

 *October 2020 — June 2021*

* Collaborated with Pablo Ottonello, PhD on N.B.E.R. Working Papers, *Fiscal Stimulus Under Sovereign Risk* and *Economy in Crisis: Finding Optimal Exchange Rate Policy with Currency Mismatch.*
* Managed over 20 economic databases in Excel conducting statistical analysis, fact checking and data searches. Presented research findings on forecast models to research leaders, offering qualitative interpretations of macroeconomic trends.

# Ensan Organization N3 Foundation (non-profit); Financial Research Associate Shanghai, China

 *June 2019 — August 2019*

* Supported financial allocation research to determine investment targets. With cross-functional team, managed approximately three million yuan (~$140,000) for NGO and startup company funding.
* Gathered data input for operating models, investigated scenarios on investment targets by managing financial model output analysis. Drafted allocation policy and strategy memos for senior financial analysts.

# EDUCATION: University of Michigan; College of Literature, Science and Arts

***Bachelor of Arts; major international studies, subfield political economy and development***

***Minor in Asian languages and culture, simplified mandarin Chinese (GPA 3.5), May 2021***

* **Awards/ Certificates:** Angell Scholar Award, Midwest Chinese Speech Competition 3rd Prize, University Honors (3x)
* **Course Certificates:** Excel Essential Training (2020), Excel for Investment Professionals (2021), Excel: Economic Analysis and Data Analytics (2021), Data Economic Modeling and Forecasting with STATA (2021), The Data Science of Economics, Banking and Finance (2021), Data Visualization for Data Analytics and Analysis (2021), PEERS Responsible Conduct of Research Certificate (2020).
* **Donghua University/ CET Shanghai:** Graduated summer 2019; International Economics, Mandarin Chinese.