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Education:

Master of Arts (*expected* May 2019), George Washington University – Space Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.
International Science and Technology Policy

Bachelor of Arts (May 2015), McDaniel College, Westminster, MD
Political Science and International Studies – Summa Cum Laude, “College Scholar with Honors”

Work and Internship Experience:

PoliSpace – Alexandria, VA. Associate (January 2016 – Present)

- Develop and execute policy and legislative strategies for clients and partners including SpaceX, Masten Space Systems, Moon Express, and the Commercial Spaceflight Federation;
- Perform policy analyses of various NASA, DoD, and FAA programs, initiatives, and regulations, including CCP, COTS, XS-1, non-federal range safety requirements, and ‘mission authorization,’ for clients;
- Produce white papers and policy briefs on commercial space policy issues and opportunities, such as ‘space support vehicles,’ commercialized use of ICBM rocket motors, and ‘LEO commercial transition;’
- Schedule and conduct PoliSpace meetings with policymakers on Capitol Hill, in the Administration, across federal agencies, state and local governments, and with international delegations;
- Support business operations, oversee company expenses and billing, and assist in organizational tasks.

Space Frontier Foundation – Executive Assistant (January 2016 – October 2016)

- Supported the Executive Director and Board Chairman with organizational, managerial, and scheduling tasks;
- Coordinated with the Board of Directors to develop and execute more efficient operations procedures.

Commercial Spaceflight Federation – Washington, D.C. Space Policy Intern (August 2015 – January 2016)

- Produced white papers, policy briefs, and press releases on commercial space policy issues and events, such as the Commercial Space Launch Competitiveness Act of 2015;
- Oversaw a monthly industry newsletter (250+ subscribers) and created written and visual content;
- Assisted planning for and execution of a 2-day, multi-event, 200+ participant CSF member meeting;
- Supported CSF meetings with various government agencies, industry representatives, and on Capitol Hill;
- Managed administrative and organizational tasks and program planning.

Volunteer Experience:

Space Frontier Foundation – Policy Assistant (August 2016 – Present)

- Coordinate with the Director of Policy to plan the Space Frontier Foundation’s policy objectives and strategy, produce draft legislative language, and execute meetings with policymakers and industry stakeholders;
- Write and publish articles, papers, and reports on key policy topics and proposals.

NewSpace 2016 Conference – Seattle, WA. SFF Liaison/Volunteer (June 20 – 24, 2016)

- Supported logistics and operations of the 3-day, 700+ participant NewSpace 2016 conference.

March Storm 2016 – Washington D.C. Volunteer/Participant (March 16 – 19, 2016)

- Participated in multiple briefings of Congressional staff, introducing draft legislation language for commercial space policies such as ‘ISS Commercial Transition;’ the ‘SEDS Act;’ and the ‘Cheap Access to Space Prize.’

Space Frontier Foundation – Corporate Secretary (October 2015 – October 2016)

- Documented and managed the Space Frontier Foundation's biweekly Board of Directors meeting minutes;
- Ensured access to and dissemination of information and documentation throughout the Foundation.

Leadership Positions and Academic Extracurricular Activities:

- George Washington University Space Society, Member (2016)
- Harvard Model United Nations, Delegate (2014); Head Delegate (2015)
- Model European Union, Head Delegate (2014 – 2015)
- Maryland Student Legislature, Delegate (2014 – 2015)
- McDaniel College Student Government Association, Senator (2014)
- Honors paper presentation, “Third Annual Conference on the Muslim World,” Istanbul, Turkey (2014)
- Model Arab League, Head Delegate (2013 – 2015)
- National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations’ “Saudi Arabia Study-Trip” Fellowship participant (2013)
- Baltimore Collegetown “Leadershape” Leadership Retreat participant (2013)
- McDaniel Astronomy & Space Club, Founder and President (2011 – 2014)

Awards and Accolades:

- The Robert Joseph Weber Award for Excellence in Political Science and International Studies (2015)
- Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities Award (2015)
- *McDaniel “Trumpeters”* Leadership Honor Society (2015)
- Model Arab League “Honorable Delegate” Award (2015)
- *Phi Beta Kappa* Liberal Arts Honor Society (2014)
- *Phi Sigma Alpha* Political Science Honor Society (2014)
- Maryland Governor’s Official Citation (2014)
- Model European Union “Most Outstanding Delegate” Award (2014)
- Model Arab League “Most Outstanding Delegate” Award (2013; 2014)
- *Alpha Lambda Delta* First Year Student Honor Society (2011)
- Maryland Delegates’ Official Commendation (2010)

Selected Publications:

Knipfer, C. (2016, July 11). *Two SLS to Jupiter: The Motivations and Ramifications of the Europa Mission’s Launch Vehicle Mandate*. <http://www.thespacereview.com/article/3025/1>

Knipfer, C. (2016, June 13). *The “Asian Space Race” and China’s Solar System Exploration: Domestic and International Rationales*. <http://www.thespacereview.com/article/3007/1>

Knipfer, C. (2016, April 25). *Of India and ICBMs: Two Current Concerns for American Small-Satellite Launch*. <http://www.thespacereview.com/article/2969/1>

Knipfer, C. (2013, June 14). *Sally Ride and Valentina Tereshkova: Changing the Course of Human Space Exploration*. http://www.nasa.gov/topics/history/features/ride_anniversary.html