

DANIEL KALISH

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EDUCATION

William & Mary

Williamsburg, VA

B.A., *Government and Philosophy*, GPA: 3.86, Phi Beta Kappa, *summa cum laude*

May 2025

- **Honors Thesis:** *Existential Risk: The Artificial Intelligence Safety Movement in the U.S. and China*
- **Awards:** Warner Moss Prize for outstanding thesis in Government, Fulbright semi-finalist (France, Open Study/Research), Cypher Award (one of 40 students with exemplary engagement, leadership, and service), William & Mary Global Scholar
- **Leadership:** Founding Chairman, Theodore Roosevelt Debate Society (2022–2025); appointed to W&M Honor System Advisory Council by university president (2024–2025)

EXPERIENCE

Kirkland & Ellis Corporate Lab, University of Chicago Law School

Chicago, IL

Legal Assistant

July 2025 – Present

- Coordinate the research efforts of 30-40 law students per quarter to create work product for dozens of Fortune 500 companies, startups, and nonprofits
- Authored a client alert on the Trump Administration's AI Action Plan sent to hundreds of in-house attorneys
- Researched and presented on AI-related projects including testing the ability of current legal AI tools to automate legal work and extended collective licenses for AI training data

Special Competitive Studies Project

Arlington, VA

Research Assistant, Society Panel

June 2024 – August 2024

- Authored memoranda on open-source algorithms, intellectual property, and AI regulations
- Built an in-house tracking tool to monitor technical and policy developments in artificial intelligence

Global Research Institute, William & Mary

Williamsburg, VA

Research Assistant, Gates Forum

December 2023 – January 2025

- Staffed two consecutive Gates Forums, coordinating logistics, managing schedules, and supporting event operations for the former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates' annual policy conference with government officials and academics
- Analyzed economics scholarship to co-author an article on sanctions and drafted the Forum's policy memo sent to Congress

Research Assistant, *World Politics, History, and Strategy*

May 2023 – May 2024

- Researched Chinese history and future technological ambitions for a U.S.-government funded study

Artists Rights Society

New York, NY

Legislative Intern

June 2023 – August 2023

- Wrote memoranda on the impact of generative AI on visual artists and intellectual property law
- Drafted letters to U.S. Senators on generative AI legislation; authored newsletter content reaching 40,000 subscribers

The Flat Hat, William & Mary

Williamsburg, VA

News Editor

January 2023 – January 2024

- Led an eight-writer team producing daily online content and bi-weekly print editions, wrote 54 published articles
- Proofread and edited hundreds of articles to conform with the AP Stylebook and Flat Hat style guide standards

Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore

Singapore

Freeman Fellow

June 2022 – August 2022

- Selected as part of a fifteen-person cohort to receive a \$7,000 grant to pursue an internship in East Asia
- Wrote memoranda and articles on Middle Eastern affairs published by the institute

RESEARCH & PRESENTATIONS

- *Consciousness Optional: The Corporate Personhood Model for AI Rights* (November 2025)
 - Poster presentation at the Eleos Conference on AI Consciousness and Welfare, Berkeley, CA
- *Mozi: An Analysis of Consequentialism with Chinese Characteristics* (April 2023)
 - Paper presentation at the William & Mary Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Williamsburg, VA
- *Why Singaporeans Eventually Choose the United States: An Analysis of Public Opinion Polling* (May 2023)
 - White paper with Professor Richard Turcsányi using regression models to study public opinion on geopolitical conflict