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Skills

Research: AI, Data Privacy, Digital Civil Society, Digital Ethics, Trust & Safety, User Experience

Research Methods: Mixed Methods Research, Legal and Policy Research

Data: Collection, Analysis and Visualization, Surveys, Interviews, *SQL, R, Python, Tableau, Sprinklr*

Communication: Public Speaking, Policy Memos, Data Reporting, Producing Online Content and Video Editing, Website Design, *Canva, Adobe Suite, Mailchimp, WordPress*, Host of The B-Effect (<https://beffect.online>), Efekt Motyla, and The Digital Kallipolis (<https://niparko.online/agora>)

Languages: English, Polish (native/fluent); Mandarin-Chinese, French, German (elementary)

Other: Grant Management, Ability to Develop Successful Grant Proposals and Receive Funding, Agentic AI Tools; AI assisted task and project management

Education

PhD in Political Science (Governance & Technology) <i>University of Nebraska at Lincoln, NE</i>	2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dissertation: <i>Digital Kallipolis: Being Homo sentiens in a Post-Digital World</i> Research Fellow at the Nebraska Governance and Technology Center Graduate Certificates in: Public Relations & Social Media, Mixed Methods Research, Digital Humanities 	
Master of Laws in International Law <i>European University Viadrina, Frankfurt(Oder), Germany</i>	2016
BA in Global Studies with Honors <i>St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY</i>	2013

Selected Professional and Research Experience

Founder and Project Manager <i>BE Side By Side, Bethesda, MD</i>	Jan. 2025 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Founded and lead an early-stage venture studio and public-interest technology company developing projects at the intersection of AI, civil society, local economy, and digital governance Lead product strategy, research, positioning, partnership development, fundraising, and product design and user experience research Oversee a portfolio of projects, including technology ventures in civic/social infrastructure and local-service marketplaces, e.g., UP-LIFTED in Canada Translate user experience and policy research into applied technology, media, and products Manage core operations, including budgeting, planning and communication <p>Skills: project and product development and management; product strategy; budgeting and accounting; user experience design and research; media production; communication; stakeholder engagement fundraising</p>	

Research Fellow <i>Death Penalty Information Center (DPIC), Washington, DC</i>	Jan. 2024 - Jan. 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed and delivered data-driven insights to policymakers and media outlets Led multiple research projects analyzing trends and producing policy-relevant reports Conducted advanced statistical analyses and created impactful data visualizations to communicate complex findings using <i>Spotfire, Tableau, Python</i> and <i>R</i> Managed and mentored a team of interns, oversaw data collection protocols and quality assurance 	

- Designed and implemented data collection methodologies

Skills: data analytics and visualization; statistical modeling; research methodology; project management; team leadership; stakeholder engagement

Principal Investigator

Aug. 2022 – Aug. 2024

Nebraska Governance and Technology Center, Lincoln, NE

- Spearheaded a comprehensive mixed-methods research project examining the societal impact of Very Large Online Platforms (VLOPs)
- Designed and executed large-scale data collection, including surveys, in-depth interviews, and social media analysis
- Developed and implemented rigorous sampling methodologies to ensure representative data collection
- Conducted extensive policy analysis of EU and US legislation
- Generated evidence-based policy recommendations
- Secured and managed research grants
- Ensured compliance with IRB protocols and data privacy standards

Skills: research design and data collection; user experience research; public opinion research; policy analysis; stakeholder engagement; grant writing; data privacy compliance; project management

Legal HQ Summer Intern

May – Aug. 2022

TIBCO Software (now Cloud Software Group), Palo Alto, CA

- Contributed to databases of inbound and outbound contracts, ensuring accuracy and compliance
- Assessed contracts for adherence to domestic and international data privacy regulations
- Trained AI models to extract legal clauses and developed methodologies to evaluate parsing accuracy
- Presented analytical findings to senior leadership

Skills: digital contract lifecycle management; training AI; data privacy compliance assessment

Research Operations & Data Governance Coordinator

Aug. 2019 – Aug. 2022

Experimental Participant Pool, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, NE

- Managed a 1,000+ participant research pool, ensuring efficient recruitment and training
- Developed and administered surveys, implementing methodological rigor and data quality
- Implemented comprehensive data privacy protocols for handling sensitive participant information
- Trained and supervised research teams in platform usage and data collection methodologies

Skills: research operations management; survey design; data privacy compliance; organizing workshops

Data Analyst

Jan. – Apr. 2018

Thomson Reuters, Gdynia, Poland

- Conducted comprehensive financial data analysis for the Know Your Customer Team, evaluating institutional compliance and risk factors
- Executed in-depth due diligence reviews ensuring regulatory compliance
- Obtained professional certifications in Data Privacy and Information Security

Skills: financial risk assessment; regulatory compliance; due diligence; information security

Legal Research Fellow

Jul. – Nov. 2017

American Civil Liberties Union, Cleveland, OH

- Conducted research on human rights and civil liberties violations
- Actively advocated for the respect of rights, including the right to asylum, rights of incarcerated persons, and against various forms of discrimination

- Utilized public speaking skills to share findings and promote ACLU's initiatives, communicating complex legal concepts to diverse audiences
- Collaborated with a multidisciplinary team to further the ACLU's mission

Skills: legal and policy analysis; advocacy; public speaking; stakeholder engagement

Grant Writing & Program Leadership Specialist

Jan. – Jul. 2017

Polish Humanitarian Action-PAH, Warsaw, Poland

- Secured external funding through successful grant applications
- Developed and delivered compelling presentations to institutional and corporate donors
- Managed global education programs, fostering relationships with diverse stakeholders
- Supervised and mentored staff and interns to drive effective program delivery

Skills: stakeholder engagement; program development and management; team leadership; grant writing and fundraising

Pat Cox Parliamentary Fellow

Jan. – May 2016

European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium

- Supported a Member of the European Parliament by coordinating schedules, organizing meetings, and managing daily operations in a fast-paced environment
- Built and maintained relationships with diverse stakeholders, including policymakers
- Drafted policy memos and edited proposed resolutions
- Delivered presentations and effectively conveyed complex information to varied audiences
- Collected, analyzed, and synthesized data to support policy recommendations

Skills: office management; relations building with diverse stakeholders; data and policy analysis

Publications (selected)

- Niparko, ŁW. (2026). "Bowling Online: Accounting for Civil Society Reshaped into Streamlined Photons within a Fiber Network." arXiv e-prints. Available at arXiv: <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2601.17139>
- Niparko, ŁW. (2026). "Construing a Digital Kallipolis on the Eve of the Fourth Generation of Human Rights." Available at SSRN: <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.6501843>
- Niparko, ŁW. and Haas, I. "Digital Footprint or Personal Right—Understanding Attitudes Toward Data Privacy Among Internet Users in the United States."