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education

Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

Class of 2025

GPA: 3.9. Majors: College of Social Studies, Environmental Studies. Honors: "High Distinction" in the College of Social Studies. Senior thesis: *Stochastic influence: digital platforms as instruments of probabilistic manipulation*.

research experience

Fulbright Study/Research Fellow, Nepal

August 2025–June 2026

Designed and led a mixed-methods study of how Tibetan Buddhist monastic communities in Nepal use, perceive, and govern persuasive digital entertainment technologies.

- Conducted 20 interviews and 72 surveys across three monastic communities; built and piloted a bilingual survey instrument and interview protocol.
- Analyzed qualitative data in MaxQDA and produced a bilingual public report for participant communities; see ryismartphonestudy.com for more information. Findings currently being prepared for submission to an information-science or STS venue.

Research Collaborator, Cornell University

May 2025–current

Working as first author with Dr. Daniel Susser on a philosophy-of-technology paper analyzing the preliminary ethics and governance literature regarding large language models' influence on users' beliefs, decisions, and self-conception.

- Synthesized roughly 50 sources across AI ethics, philosophy of mind, and behavioral science into a structured literature review distinguishing epistemic, behavioral, and identity-related issues related to LLM influence.
- Posited that AI-ethics frameworks built around identifiably "persuasive" interactions capture only a fraction of how LLMs actually shape users, with most influence occurring during everyday information-gathering and creative pursuits. Preprint planned for release September 2026.

other experience

Land Stewardship Intern, Orleans Conservation Trust, Orleans

May–August 2024

Built land management plan for a recently acquired 26-acre property from original field data.

Communications Intern, Mayor's Office, Seattle

May–August 2023

Drafted press releases, newsletters, briefing documents, talking points, tweets, and mayoral proclamations for Mayor Bruce Harrell's communications team.

Writer and Editor, campus publications, The Urbanist (Seattle)

2023–2025

Arcadia Political Review; Wesleyan Business Review.

Volunteer Editor, Cold Takes (Holden Karnofsky's blog)

2021–2022

skills

Languages: fluent Nepali, intermediate Spanish

Technical: MaxQDA, R, intermediate Python