

# David P. Prina

## **Professional Summary**

A social scientist with extensive experience generating research project ideas, pitching those ideas to sponsors, writing grants, and executing those projects as the lead. Have worked in large teams and as an independent researcher pursuing my own research agenda.

I have experience leading projects, researching, writing, and analyzing complex issues using both qualitative and quantitative approaches (e.g. regression, ethnographic research, surveys), both to answer pure research questions and support product development (e.g. online trainings, games, educational workshops, graphic novels).

## **Education**

**University of Maryland, College Park**

College Park, MD

PhD in Government and Politics

2017

*Thesis: "Taking care of their own: The causes and consequences of soldiers in business"*

**University of Maryland, College Park**

College Park, MD

Masters of the Arts in Government and Politics

2012

**University of Notre Dame**

Notre Dame, IN

Bachelor of the Arts Degree in Political Science

2008

## **Research Experience**

**Principal Behavioral Research Scientist – Northrop Grumman/Peraton**

*Fall 2017 – Present*

- In the latest period of performance (Sept 2020 – Sept 2021), was the project lead for \$1.6 million worth of research and development projects, and lead seven teams of 3 – 8 members, including:
  - Creating and hosting 6 workshops on domestic extremism,
  - Creating an analyst workbook for insider threat analysts,
  - Delivering a Congressional report on domestic extremism,
  - Authoring and delivering a graphic novel on domestic extremism,
  - Leading 4 data projects detecting extremism on government databases,
  - Creating an interactive training to identify domestic extremist symbols,
  - Designing a card game to help teach resilience and human resources techniques,
  - And acting as peer reviewer for information products and training materials on insider threat, personnel security, and suicide prevention in the military for Defense Personnel Security and Research Center (PERSEREC)
- Managed 7 different cross-functional teams of 3 – 6 people each for the past two years
- Delivered a prototype application as task lead for a human resources project and delivered two online interactive trainings for the Federal workforce
- Produced information products including video series, card game, graphic novel and browser-based app on reportable and concerning workplace behaviors, insider threat and suicide prevention

**Project Manager - Military Business Project**

*Fall 2017 – Spring 2018*

- Created, planned and conceived of the MB Project, a research agenda designed to expand our scholarly knowledge of military-ownership of business entities, drawing upon the framework established in my PhD thesis
- Directed a team of 3 research assistants by keeping track of time, progress and set discrete goals for undergraduate researchers

#### **Research Assistant - ICONS Project**

*August 2013-Spring 2016*

- Designed and wrote education, training and research simulations for the ICONS Project, a small research firm that specializes in simulation-based education and negotiations
- Conducted background research on simulation materials, created game mechanics, wrote role sheets for roleplay users, found primary and secondary source material to create realistic simulation products for demanding government and academic clients
- Wrote materials for experimental research purposes involving human subjects
- Maintained and edited backlog of simulations to keep content up-to-date

#### **Research Assistant - Transnational Governance Project**

*Summer 2015 – Fall 2017*

- Worked as a research assistant for the Transnational Governance project, a new data project gathering data on various groups that work to create governance institutions that unite non-governmental, governmental and business actors into a single framework
- Conducted background research on hundreds of organizations that work on issues of climate change, environment, energy, gender equality among others.
- Coded different organizations according to project-specific characteristics

#### **Research Assistant - International Conflict Behavior Project**

*Summer 2015 – Fall 2016*

- Worked as a research assistant for the ICB dataset, a decades-old data project that gathers data on international state crises and traces their start, course and magnitude
- Created in-depth case study materials for crises as well as entered data into the ICB dataset after an exhaustive deliberation period with other research assistants

### **Courses Taught**

Introduction to International Relations, Introduction to Food Politics, Introduction to American Government, Civil-Military Relations of the Developing World, Is Globalization Sustainable?, Global Issues, From Tweets to Terror: The Internet and Politics, Principles of International Negotiation, Dilemmas of Humanitarianism, Comparative Political Economy

### **Professional Activities:**

Community Development Advisory Committee – Committee Member  
 Project Management Certification (in-progress)  
 Dean Graduate Student Advisory Council, Member & Secretariat  
 Photography Editor, Notre Dame Yearbook, *The Dome*

*Spring 2019 - Present*  
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*Fall 2015- Spring 2017*  
*Fall 07- Spring '08*

### **Honors**

Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America

### **Past Academic Research Projects**

International Crisis Behavior Dataset

SOCENT regional simulation project

Carnegie South China Sea simulation on US-China relations

EUCOM Gray Zone Project on Russia and “frozen conflicts”

US Security Coordinator’s Israel-Palestine security coordination simulation

Maneuver and Engagement in the Narrative Space – a counter-ISIL simulation