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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- ***Technical Translation (2+ yrs):*** Work between the people building AI and the policymakers, military stakeholders, and executives who depend on it, explaining capabilities and risks in plain terms.
- ***AI Policy and National Security Research (4+ yrs):*** Research on AI governance, autonomous weapons, and U.S.-China competition, with published analysis in The National Interest, Newsweek, and the American Foreign Policy Council.
- ***AI-Native Builder (1 yr):*** Designed and shipped a 15-agent production AI platform and several live public tools with agentic development tools, including evaluation, verification, and security systems.
- ***Stakeholder Engagement (2+ yrs):*** Helped staff convenings for 50+ congressional staffers and experts, briefed a Pentagon planning audience, and coordinated engagements with NATO-linked partners and foreign military institutions.

EXPERIENCE

Venator Intelligence (applied AI finance lab) **December 2025 – July 2026**
Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer *Washington, DC*

- Designed and shipped a production platform of 15 orchestrated AI agents, going from first commit to the full roster in 60 days and sustaining thousands of end-to-end research runs.
- Built an LLM-as-a-judge evaluation system spanning 18 rubrics and 200 scored criteria, backed by 8 arithmetic-verification checkers and automated correctness checks on every report.
- Engineered layered prompt-injection defenses at every point untrusted content entered the system, and wrote compliance standards applied to every agent's output.
- Directed company operations and a team of five, setting the product roadmap before winding the company down.

JusTech – Pragmatic Panic Legal and Social Services **April 2025 – February 2026**
Strategy and Policy Officer *Washington, DC*

- Supported development of AI compliance and certification standards for autonomous weapons systems, turning international humanitarian law into criteria engineers could apply.
- Coordinated engagements with NATO-linked partners, Colombian military institutions, and private-sector partners on responsible military AI, preparing research and briefing materials.
- Researched and wrote analysis on dual-use technology governance; supported grant writing for AI safety funders and donor management.

The Prometheus Security Project **November 2024 – May 2025**
Founder and President *Washington, DC*

- Founded an independent research initiative on AI and U.S. national security, leading a team of six graduate students and recent graduates producing policy analysis on AI safety and strategic competition.
- Wrote analysis on frontier AI trends, including AI efficiency innovations, AGI development paradigms, and U.S.-China technological competition, for policy audiences.

American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC) **January 2024 – June 2024**
Researcher *Washington, DC*

- Researched and wrote the 15-page policy paper “China's AI Ambitions and U.S. Competition” (published January 2025).

- Helped organize and staff the 2024 Airlie Dialogue and U.S.-Ukraine Security Dialogue XVI for 50+ congressional staffers, academics, and experts; supported weekly policy monitors and up to 10 senior fellows.

RESEARCH & PROJECTS

- ***Machine Politics (live):*** Built and launched a neutral public tracker of state positions on autonomous weapons within the UN CCW process, coded against a documented rubric, ahead of the November 2026 Review Conference, at machinepolitics.walker-robinson.com.
- ***Version Control (live):*** Built and launched a public registry of frontier AI model releases with sourcing behind every reported number, at versioncontrol.walker-robinson.com.
- ***DeadReckoning (live):*** Built a live public archive that maps global GPS interference from open aircraft ADS-B data, refreshed nightly, with a published methodology. Credits GPSJam as prior art. Live at deadreckoning.walker-robinson.com.
- ***Obligated (in review):*** Researched and wrote a policy brief on whether the Defense Department's AI research money can be followed from appropriation to contract in public data, with an open ledger of the awards behind it.
- ***Where Does AI Escalation Come From? (in development):*** Replicating and extending a published experiment in which AI models play a nuclear crisis game, testing how much of their escalation comes from the game's rules rather than the models.
- ***DoD Capstone (DSCA):*** Working-group member, interviewer, editor, and lead briefer for a research practicum analyzing unmanned aerial systems in Ukraine and Nagorno-Karabakh from open sources, for a Joint Force 2030 planning audience.

EDUCATION

American University, School of International Service — **May 2024**
M.A., International Affairs – U.S. Foreign Policy and National Security | GPA 3.81 — *Washington, DC*

Lehigh University, College of Arts and Sciences — **June 2022**
B.A., International Relations — *Bethlehem, PA*

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- "Beyond a Race to AGI: Reimagining the Manhattan Project," The Prometheus Security Project, April 2025
- "Innovation, Not Hardware: What DeepSeek Teaches Us About the AI Race," The Prometheus Security Project, February 2025
- "China's AI Ambitions and U.S. Competition," American Foreign Policy Council, January 2025
- "Energy Is the Achilles' Heel of Taiwan's National Security," Newsweek, June 2024
- "To Defend Taiwan, America Needs To Upgrade Its Defense-Industrial Base," The National Interest, May 2024

SKILLS

Policy research and writing, AI governance, national security and U.S.-China technology competition, open-source research, evaluation and rubric design, stakeholder engagement and event coordination, grant writing, public speaking on AI; agentic AI development (Claude Code, Codex, Cursor, Anthropic Agent SDK); Microsoft Office Suite, Google Workspace.