

MAX BESSLER

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Experience in economic and technology analysis in the private sector and national security. Prior work in strategy consulting, econ analysis at the CIA and the think tank CSIS, and ops as chief of staff at Def Tech Startup. Dartmouth College B.A. in Government modified with Economics, *Magna Cum Laude*

EDUCATION

Dartmouth College Hanover, NH **GPA 3.86/4.00**

Magna Cum Laude: B.A. in Government Modified with Economics

- Awards: 2021 Rufus Choate Scholar (4.0 top 5%), IRCA Scholar Athlete (Varsity Rower at Championships with 3.5 +)

London School of Economics London, England **GPA 4.00/4.00**

Study Abroad in Economics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lake Partners Strategy Consulting Seattle, WA **March 2025 – September 2025**

Analyst

- Responsibilities included scoping, research, interviewing experts, project management, briefing, and writing products
- Developed software that indexed thousands of final “deliverables” for use by LLMs or current analysts.

LoneCypressAI Seattle and Washington DC **2024**

Chief of Staff

- Successfully project-managed and wrote non-technical sections for a proposal to secure \$180,000 in USG funding.
- Employee #1 at growing defense contractor—researched & initiated marketing, recruiting, and DoD customer engagement.
- Responsible for briefing co-founders on upcoming events, networking into new areas, and internal project management.

Central Intelligence Agency Langley, VA **2023**

Economic Analyst – East Asia Pacific Mission Center

- Delivered actionable economic and analysis that shaped strategic decisions for senior policymakers.
- Developed quantitative macroeconomic and financial modeling skills across a variety of public platforms.
- Briefed key Intelligence Community and White House policymakers on current trends and upcoming events.

Center for Strategic & International Studies Washington, DC **Fall 2022**

Research Intern – Economics Program

- Developed custom Python “formatter” for fast newsletter/briefing creation that will save interns 100s of hours in the future.
- Wrote policy memos, prepared briefs, created talking points, drafted articles, edited presentations.
- Published 3 times for CSIS and 1 external. 40,000+ views across platforms. Created engaging infographics.

RELEVANT TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND WRITING EXPERIENCE

CIA Intelligence Products Langley, VA **2023**

- Received professional training for brief memo writing and longer-form written products on trends.

New Perspectives on Asia – Center for Strategic International Studies Washington, DC **Summer and Fall 2022**

- Authored “[The Debate to Decouple](#)” and “[The Drive to Decouple](#)” that summarized US-China relations.
- Co-authored “[Five Things We Watched in 2022](#)” on global economy trends in 2022.

Senior Independent Research Project – Dartmouth College Hanover NH **2022**

- [The Use of Economic Statecraft to Purchase Power: Structural Explanations of the Louisiana and Alaska Purchases](#)

EXTRACURRICULARS

Yoga Teacher **2025 – Present**

200-hour Registered Yoga Teacher

Dartmouth Men’s Heavyweight Rowing Hanover, NH **2018 – 2022**

Division 1 Oarsman, IRCA Scholar Athlete, Varsity Letterwinner, Volunteer Assistant Coach (Spring 2022)

- Committed in training, competing, time, and character to a top D1 collegiate rowing team in the country.

Vox Sportswear Hanover NH **2019 – 2021**

- *Principal and CFO*: Responsible for marketing, accounting, and selling custom apparel to Dartmouth community.

SKILLS: Economic and Market Analysis, Briefing, Python & HTML, Project Management, Business Dev, Microsoft Suite,