

Amisha Mohanty

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EDUCATION

B.S. in Economics and B.S. International Relations, University of Iowa, Iowa – May 2025
Certificate in Leadership Studies; Departmental and University Honors
Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society

SKILLS

Technical: STATA, Qualtrics, survey design, qualitative and quantitative coding

Analytical: policy analysis, Houston Futures methodology, comparative governance research

RESEARCH

Research Fellow, NSF-[SPRC19 Project](#), University of Iowa, Sept. 2023 – Sept. 2025

Contributed to coding 15,000+ state-level pandemic policy responses by a 207-variable schema.

Evaluated executive orders and legislation in a 9-person team informing public health trends.

Decision-Making: Economics Honors Thesis, University of Iowa, Jan. – Aug. 2025

Does Being Observed Alter the Observation Being Made?

<https://doi.org/10.17077/etd.006790>

Won Faculty Recognition Award for original research on decision making; designed and administered a randomized survey (n= 625) and applied econometric models in STATA.

Derived and presented data-driven policy recommendations for financial literacy initiatives.

Presented to institutional stakeholders like Financial Aid and at research venues.

Geopolitical and Tech. Governance Honors Thesis, University of Iowa, Sept. 2024 – Jan. 2025

AI for All? Poverty, Policy, and the Promise of Technology

<https://doi.org/10.17077/etd.006791>

Developed a poverty parameter framework to evaluate vertical-AI application; assessed efficacy, scalability, and ethics across LMIC interventions like M-Pesa, Karya, and Babylon.

Formulated policy pathway for digital sovereignty & resource equity via localized AI ecosystems.

International Relations Senior Seminar Thesis, University of Iowa, Jan. – May 2024

Evaluated global AI governance via comparative analysis of US, UK, EU, & China AI policies.

Identified divergence in innovation-and-regulation-centric policies & their socioeconomic impact.

Proposed a tri-priority model for int'l coordination on harmonization of ethical AI standards.

Research Fellow, *Peace Process Coding Project*, University of Iowa, Nov. 2021 – Mar. 2023

Coded prenegotiation, implementation & failure of civil war peace processes via LexisNexis.

Member, *Honors First-Year Research Seminar*, University of Iowa, Aug. – Dec. 2021

Co-authored class research paper on the U.S. use of force in human rights interventions in Haiti, Kosovo, and Somalia and presented findings at Undergraduate Research Festival.

PROFESSIONAL

Policy Research Intern, ODNI (*Director of National Intelligence*), Remote, Sept. 2024 – May 2025
Informed national security foresight through policy research on AGI and emerging technologies.
Modeled global intelligence scenarios using Houston Futures methodology.
Co-led 15-member cohort & presented strategic insights to ODNI & non-technical stakeholders.

Intern, Board of Supervisors Office, Johnson County, Iowa City, IA, June – Oct. 2024
Tripled event participation by organizing and leading 4 cross-departmental initiatives.
Advanced equity-focused policy via stakeholder collaboration & multilateral meetings facilitation.
Optimized operational decision-making by managing committee budgets and compiling data.

Student Assistant, Office of Undergraduate Research, University of Iowa, Sept. 2023 – May 2024
Strengthened institutional outreach by managing social media, data entry, newsletter and webpage content updates across multiple IT platforms & maintained data integrity via research record audits.

Program Intern, A.G. Bell Association-Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Washington D.C., June – July 2023
Spearheaded project execution of a national leadership program for Deaf/Hard of Hearing teens.
Drove program enhancements by creating a new organizational system and supporting outreach.
Streamlined logistics for 40+ participants by liaising in a matrixed environment for materials.

COMMUNITY

Creator, Dare to Dream Project, Jharkhand, India, Nov. 2025
Empowered 200+ students from low-income households by designing and leading a career counselling initiative geared toward bridging the global digital divide.
Addressed socioeconomic divides via materials on digital upskilling, careers, and scholarships.
Chair and Director, Access + Equity, Undergraduate Student Government, Aug. 2021 – May 2025
Institutionalized equity standards by establishing yearly equity training for all 3 branch members.
Advanced legislative advocacy by engaging legislators on mental health & renter protection issues.

Undergraduate Representative, Vice President of Research Search Committee, May – Oct. 2025
Appointed as sole undergraduate on a R1 search committee to collaborate with senior leadership.
Influenced executive hiring decisions by reviewing candidate portfolios, engaging in multi-stage interviews, and contributing to stakeholder briefings for the President's office.

Creator & Host, Cultural Diplomacy Podcast, International Business Project, Jan. – May 2025
Conducted multi-perspective interviews with British, Pakistani, and Indian stakeholders to investigate cricket as a Track -II diplomacy tool for de-escalating the India - Pakistan rivalry.
Produced accessible geopolitical narratives by managing the full production lifecycle, including scriptwriting, multi-track audio engineering, and plot incorporation.

Vice President, The Women's Network (Iowa Chapter), Iowa
Delegate, Big Ten Policy Simulation, University of Michigan
Delegate, Association of Big Ten Students (ABTS) Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Volunteer English Mentor, ENGIN (Ukraine Support Initiative), Remote
Member, Hawkeye Service Break, Washington D.C.