

# Christopher S. Ahrens

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## QUALIFICATION SUMMARY

Analytical, teamwork-oriented project manager with diverse skills and passion for research and communication. Extensive experience in public speaking, graphic design, graduate-level teaching, data analysis, and archival knowledge management.

## EDUCATION

### University of Pennsylvania

*MA in Religious Studies*

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Graduation: May 2022

- **Cumulative GPA:** 3.8
- **Relevant Coursework:** Group Research, Group Management, Communications/Speech, Data Management/Archival Work, Digital Humanities, Work with Adobe Suite, Microsoft Office, and HTML DOM Parsing

### College of William & Mary

*BA in Global Studies, Middle Eastern Studies Concentration; Double Major with Religious Studies*

Williamsburg, Virginia

Graduation: May 2020

- **Cumulative GPA:** 3.7
- **Honors:** [Departmental Honors \(Religious Studies\)](#), Summa Cum Laude, Dean's List

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### The College of William & Mary

*Esports Coach Coordinator*

Williamsburg, Virginia

August 2023 – Present

- Organize, schedule, and manage all nine esports teams in the William & Mary Varsity Esports program.
- Author a syllabus and oversee semester-long teaching of “Esports Pioneers” undertaking production (commentary, live streaming, social media marketing) roles.
- Head efforts to redesign the Esports Program’s web presence via website creation and social media usage.
- Organize all on-campus Esports events, hosting upwards of 50 participants and one hundred spectators per event, including the VSA State Championship for *VALORANT*.
- Run two-week summer camp focused upon esports commentary and live streaming.
- Provide commentary for any streamed esports events not covered by Esports Pioneers.

### Freelance Shoutcaster and Esports Event Coordinator

November 2021-Present

- Provide on-demand Play-By-Play and Color Commentary for a variety of Esports, with Tier 2+ work in *League of Legends*, *Brawlhalla*, *Guilty Gear: Strive*, *Minecraft*, *Rocket League*, *Super Smash Bros. Melee*, *Legends of Runeterra*, and *Hearthstone*.
- Assist in the creation of Esport tournaments and leagues, with participation in the Blue Otter League, Aegis Esports, Cooler Master Master Cup, LANFest, and Summer Jam.
- Prior experience working with production and event planning at the collegiate level, including work for the College of William and Mary, Maryville University, and George Fox University.
- Contract work with Riot Games for the 2023 Collegiate *League of Legends* and the 2023 Summer North American Challengers League Qualifiers.

### The Sant Maral Foundation (Gallup Poll)

*Survey Supervisor*

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

May 2019 – August 2019

- Alongside Gallup executives, administered the Global Happiness Survey of 2019 for the entire country of Mongolia, with designated areas of focus in Ulaanbaatar, Murun, Erdenet, and Khatgal.
- Directly managed a team of 8-10 surveyors, ensuring area coverage and interview efficiency.
- Quality checked around 500 interviews and collated information via SurveyMonkey and Qualtrics.
- Analyzed findings and presented finalized polling results to two Gallup Poll executives, including the current CEO.
- Renovated the [website](#) for the Sant Maral Foundation by writing all descriptions and providing most photographs visible.
- Created a 2-part Sant Maral lecture series on Mongolian history drawing in over 1,000 unique viewers, managing video editing, sound design, and lighting for videos.

## LEADERSHIP/EXTRACURRICULARS EXPERIENCE

### University of Pennsylvania

*Teaching Assistant*

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

August 2020-May 2022

- Performed several guest lectures for undergraduate and graduate courses per semester of about one and a half hours in length each, using a multimedia approach to teaching involving PowerPoints, videos, and group activities for dozens of university students and academics.

- Graded dozens of assignments ranging from essay-based tests to final research projects.
- Evaluated syllabi and suggested course and schedule alterations to PhD-level instructors.

**American Parliamentary Debate Association (APDA)**

*Vice President, Event Planner and Logistics Coordinator*

**Williamsburg, Virginia**

August 2017-May 2019

- Organized eight public debates and exhibitions held on campus, including events with upwards of 200 attendees.
- Coordinated the travel and managed events pertaining to visiting professionals and speakers across three industries.
- Directed APDA tournaments held at the College of William & Mary with over 200 competitors.

**SKILLS, ACTIVITIES & LANGUAGES**

**Languages:** Fluent in English, professional fluency in Arabic and Bahasa Indonesia, reading ability in German

**Skills:** Public Speaking, Adobe Photoshop, Clip Studio, Microsoft Office (Word, Powerpoint, Excel), Google Suite, Slack, SurveyMonkey, Qualtrics CoreXM, Website Building (HTML), Search Engine Optimization (SEO), Audio and Sound Management (XLR Setups, Reaper, VCV Rack)