

# Research Analyst

## The Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies



**Aidan Poling** is a Research Analyst at the Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies.

**Background:** Aidan is currently finishing his Master's in Security Studies at the Georgetown University Security Studies Program. As a research analyst, he supports Mitchell's research on the future of air and space power. Prior to joining Mitchell, Aidan interned for the Atlantic Council's Forward Defense Initiative, at the State Department's Bureau of Arms Control Verification and Compliance, Multilateral and Nuclear Affairs Office, and for several House Representatives and local municipal candidates.

**Areas of Focus:** He's an established voice on space operations, acquisitions, and policy with a focus on space control, advanced technology, acquisitions, and digital transformation. In addition, he will provide a research focus on spacepower strategies and policies for MI-SPACE.

**Academic and Professional Titles:** Charles received his undergraduate degree from Northrop University, majoring in Aerospace Engineering. He also earned a Masters of Administrative Science from the University of Montana, a Masters Degree in Space Operations from the Air Force Institute of Technology, and a Master of Military and Operational Art and Sciences from Air University as part of Air Command and Staff College where he was a Distinguished Graduate and won the Space Research Award.

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