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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science and Asian Studies Pennsylvania State University	Expected 2024 University Park, PA
M.A. in Political Science Pennsylvania State University	2019 – 2021 University Park, PA
M.A. in International Relations Beijing Normal University	2016 – 2019 Beijing, China
B.A. in Sociology and Minor in History <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus	2009 – 2014 San Juan, PR

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Course in College Teaching Pennsylvania State University	Spring 2022 University Park, PA
Graduate Student Online Teaching Certificate Pennsylvania State University	Fall 2020 World Campus
Intensive Chinese (Mandarin) Language Program Beijing Normal University	2014 – 2016 Beijing, China

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive: Digital Diplomacy | Public Diplomacy | Chinese Foreign Policy | Social Media | Sino-American Relations | International Political Economy
Methodological: Text as Data | Quantitative Political Science | Digital Humanities

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Angel M. Villegas-Cruz. 2014. “El discurso de la Iglesia Protestante en torno a la Segunda Guerra Mundial en la Revista Puerto Rico Evangélico, 1940-1945” [The representation of World War II in the inter-denominational magazine, Puerto Rico Evangelico, 1940-1945]. *Revista [IN]Genios* 1 (1): 1-11.

BOOK REVIEWS

Angel M. Villegas-Cruz. 2019. “读楼项飞《中国与拉美国家相互依赖模式研究》” [A Study of Sino-Latin American Interdependency Models by Lou Xiangfei]. *Journal of BNU Public Administration* 7.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Angel M. Villegas-Cruz. 2022. “Male, U.S. Full History Professor, and China scholar: The recipe to get published in The Journal of Asian Studies, 2000-2020,” criticalasianstudies.org Commentary Board, November 15.
<https://doi.org/10.52698/KSEJ3511>.

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

Angel M. Villegas-Cruz. 2022. “The effect of economic ties on digital diplomacy: A sentiment analysis of the Twitter accounts of Chinese diplomatic missions.” (Under Review)

Angel M. Villegas-Cruz. 2022. “Nation Branding and COVID-19: An Empirical Investigation of Self-Reported Medical Donations in Chinese Digital Diplomacy.” (Under Review)

Kevin Munger, **Angel M. Villegas-Cruz**, Jorge Gallego, and Mateo Vazquez-Cortes. 2022. “‘Reenviado Muchas Veces’: How WhatsApp Users in Mexico and Colombia Understand Political Information.” (Under Review)

Boliang Zhu, Aubrey Waddick, Yilang Feng, and **Angel M. Villegas-Cruz**. 2022. "Firms Caught in Crossfire: International Stakes and Domestic Politics in Corporate Positioning on De-Globalization." (Under Review)

HONORS AND AWARDS

RGSO Dissertation Support College of the Liberal Arts, Pennsylvania State University	Spring 2023
Miller-LaVigne Fellowship Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University	2022-2023
Keith R. Karako Award Department of Asian Studies, Pennsylvania State University	Summer 2022
Summer Graduate Research Award Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University	Summer 2021
Best Political Science Master's Essay, 2020-2021 Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University	Spring 2021
APSA Minority Fellow American Political Science Association	Spring 2020
Bunton-Waller Graduate Award College of the Liberal Arts, Pennsylvania State University	2019 – 2022
中国政府奖学金 [Chinese Government Scholarship] China Scholarship Council, Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China	2015 – 2019
优秀学生 [Excellent Student Award] College of Chinese Language and Culture, Beijing Normal University	Fall 2015
Wrestling Athletic Scholarship University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus	2012 – 2014
Judo Athletic Scholarship University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus and University of Puerto Rico, Bayamon Campus	2010 – 2014

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Pennsylvania State University	
Research Assistant to Boliang Zhu & Rachel Wellhausen (UT - Austin)	Summer 2022
Research Assistant to Professor Jonathan Abel	Summer 2022
Research Assistant to Professor Boliang Zhu	Spring 2020 – Fall 2020 & Spring 2022
Research Assistant to Professor Kevin Munger	Spring 2021 – Fall 2021
University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus	
Undergraduate Research Assistant to Professor Yarimar Rosa-Rodríguez	2011 – 2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Pennsylvania State University	
<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	
Professor Jeremy Ladd's PLSC 309: Quantitative Political Analysis	Fall 2021
Professor Kevin Munger's PLSC 497: Text as Data	Spring 2021
Professor Boliang Zhu's PLSC 497: Analytical Political Economy	Spring 2020 – Fall 2020
Professor Matthew Golder's PLSC 003: Introduction to Comparative Politics	Fall 2019

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

English & Spanish Language Teacher

思睿英语 [Seory English Center]

2015 – 2019

Beijing, China

- Description: Teaching English and Spanish language classes for children and adults whose first language is Chinese

Social Researcher

Community Participation Office, San Juan Municipal Government

Spring 2014 – Summer 2014

San Juan, PR

- Description: Digitally mapping San Juan's communities with their socio-demographic details and improving quality of public services

SKILLS

Languages: Spanish (Native), English (Proficient), Chinese-Mandarin (Fluent-HSK 5), Italian (Fluent)

Software: R, Python, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics, QGIS, SPSS

CONFERENCES

"Communicating state repression to the international community: A case study of how China frames its policies in Xinjiang online", Presented at ISA Northeast Conference, Baltimore (November 4 – 5, 2022)

"The effect of economic ties on digital diplomacy: A sentiment analysis of the Twitter accounts of Chinese diplomatic missions", Presented at MPSA Conference, Chicago (April 7 – 10, 2022)

"Nation Branding and COVID-19: An Empirical Investigation of Chinese Digital Diplomacy and Mask Diplomacy", Presented at MPSA Conference, Chicago (April 7 – 10, 2022)

"Nation Branding and COVID-19: An Empirical Investigation of Chinese Digital Diplomacy and Mask Diplomacy", Presented at Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies Conference, Villanova University (October 23 – 24, 2021)

"Firms Caught in Crossfire: International Stakes and Domestic Politics in Corporate Positioning on De-Globalization", Presented online at IPES Conference, Ohio State University (November 13 – 14, 2020)

"The 'Other' and the Second World War in the big screen: Europe and Nationalism in Golden Age Mexican Cinema, 1942-1943", Presented at Symposium for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities, San Juan (May 3 – 4, 2014)

"El discurso de la Iglesia Protestante en torno a la Segunda Guerra Mundial en la revista Puerto Rico Evangélico, 1940-1945" [The representation of World War II in the inter-denominational magazine, Puerto Rico Evangelico, 1940-1945], Presented at History Week, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus (March 17 – 20, 2014)

TALKS

"The effect of economic ties on digital diplomacy: A sentiment analysis of the Twitter accounts of Chinese diplomatic missions", Presented online at Ewha Woman's University Public Diplomacy Center, South Korea (June 6, 2022)

SERVICE

Department of Political Science, Penn State:

Advisory Committee (2022 – 23)

Department of Asian Studies, Penn State:

Graduate Studies Committee (2022 – 23)

Disciplinary:

Reviewer: *Political Research Quarterly*

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

International Studies Association (2021 – Present)

Midwest Political Science Association (2021 – Present)

Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies (2021 – 2022)

American Political Science Association (2019 – Present)

REFERENCES

References available upon request

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