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Education

- 2023 📖 **Ph.D., University of California, Riverside**, Political Science.
Dissertation title: *Essays on Economic Inequality and Mass Political Preferences* (Chair: Dr. Jennifer Merolla)
- 2016 📖 **M.A., Stony Brook University**, Political Science (Political Psychology).
- 2014 📖 **M.A., Beijing Foreign Studies University**, American Studies.
- 2010 📖 **B.A., Chengdu University of TCM**, English.

Employment History

- 2023 – 2025 📖 **Postdoctoral Research Associate for the Consortium on Electoral Democracy (C-Dem)**, Department of Political Science, University of Western Ontario, Ontario, Canada.
- 2020 – 2023 📖 **Associate Instructor**, Department of Political Science, University of California, Riverside, California, United States.
- 2017 – 2023 📖 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Political Science, University of California, Riverside, California, United States.
- April 2020 – June 2020 📖 **Graduate Student Researcher** with Professor Jennifer Merolla, Department of Political Science, University of California, Riverside, California, United States.
- 2014 – 2015 📖 **Research Assistant** Sichuan Academy of Social Sciences, Chengdu, Sichuan, China.

Research

Peer-reviewed Publications

- 1 M. R. Holman, J. L. Merolla, E. J. Zechmeister, and D. Wang, "Terrorism, Gender, and the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election," *Electoral Studies*, vol. 61, p. 102 033, 2019, ISSN: 0261-3794. 🔗 DOI: [10.1016/j.electstud.2019.03.009](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2019.03.009).
- 2 D. Wang, J. L. Merolla, and A. Manganiello, "The Effect of Counter-stereotypic Gender Strategies on Candidate Evaluations in American Elections," *Politics and Gender*, pp. 1180–1203, 2023. 🔗 DOI: [10.1017/S1743923X23000314](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1743923X23000314).

Current Projects

- 1 D. Wang, "Welfare Migration and Public Attitudes Toward Welfare and Immigration: The Mediating Role of Economic and Cultural Threat Perceptions," (Under Review).
- 2 D. Wang, "Zoning Laws, Housing Affordability Needs, and NIMBYism: How Local Policies and Economic Pressures Shape Support for Residential Development," (Under Review).
- 3 D. Wang, "Receiving the Treatment? Local Income Inequality and Public Perception toward Inequality," (Under Review).
- 4 D. Wang, M. Landgrave, and J. T. Smith, "Scaling Economic Anxiety: Subnational Concerns and Support for AI Regulation," (Under Review).
- 5 D. Wang and L. B. Stephenson, "Local Housing Cost and Public Attitude toward Immigration."

- 6 A. L. Hobbs, D. Wang, and J. L. Merolla, "Incumbent Sex and Economic Voting: Evidence of Sex-Based Discrimination at the Ballot Box."
- 7 M. Carreras, S. Bowler, J. L. Merolla, and D. Wang, "The "Big Lie", Fraud Perceptions, and Support for Political Violence."
- 8 D. Wang, "Far-Right Representation and Immigration Attitudes: Evidence from U.S. Congressional Elections."
- 9 D. Wang and B. Lee, "Housing, Immigration, and the Dynamics of Blame in the United States and Canada."
- 10 D. Wang and M. Landgrave, "Public Preferences Toward International Students: Evidence from a U.S. Conjoint Experiment."

Teaching

Associate Instructor (2020-2023), University of California, Riverside

2023 Summer	■ American Politics.
2022 Summer	■ Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration.
2022 Winter, 2021 Summer, 2020 Summer	■ Elections and Political Participation.

Teaching Assistant (2017-2023), University of California, Riverside

2023 Spring	■ Politics of the Underdeveloped World.
2023 Winter, 2017 Fall	■ Political Consequences of Electoral Institutions.
2022 Fall, 2022 Spring, 2018 Fall	■ Politics of Congressional Elections.
2021 Fall, 2020 Fall, 2020 Winter	■ Theory and Methodology of Political Science.
2021 Winter	■ Strategy and Politics.
2020 Spring	■ Elections and Political Participation.
2019 Fall, 2019 Spring	■ Politics through Film.
2019 Winter	■ Comparative Politics.
2018 Spring	■ American Politics.
2018 Winter	■ United States and Latin American Relations.

Awards

Research Grants

- 2022 ■ **Gabbert Funds Department Graduate Student Research Award** (\$1,500), University of California, Riverside.
- **Graduate Research Proposal Award** (\$1,166.67), University of California, Riverside.

Scholarships

- 2016-2020 ■ **Dean's Distinguished Fellowship.** University of California, Riverside
- 2011-2013 ■ **Master Student Fellowship.** Beijing University of Foreign Studies
- 2006-2009 ■ **Distinguished Student Fellowship,** Chengdu University of TCM

Skills

- Languages ■ Mandarin Chinese (native), English (fluent), French (reading proficiency), Spanish (reading proficiency).

Skills (continued)



Quantitative Methods	Experimental and quasi-experimental design, causal inference, survey methodology, geospatial data processing, text-as-data methods, multilevel modeling, Bayesian methods, measurement and scaling, latent variable modeling, time-series methods.
Softwares	R, Stata, Python, Stan, Qualtrics, \LaTeX , GIS

Miscellaneous

Methods Training

2016-2019  **ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Academic Service

-  **Research Manager:** UCR Identity and Politics Lab. University of California, Riverside (2020-2021, 2022-2023)
-  **Conference Discussant:** APSA (2025); MPSA (2023, 2025); WPSA (2024); Toronto-Montreal Political Behavior Workshop (2024).

References

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