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- Employment**      **University of California, Los Angeles**, Los Angeles, California  
Assistant Professor, Political Science, July 2022–  
Faculty Affiliate, CSW Streisand Center, July 2023–  
Faculty Affiliate, California Center for Population Research, August 2023–
- Education**      **Washington University in St. Louis**, St. Louis, Missouri  
Ph.D., Political Science, 2022  
M.A., Political Science, 2018
- Tsinghua University**, Beijing, China  
B.A., (summa cum laude) Journalism & Communication, 2016  
B.A., International Politics, 2016
- Australian National University**, Canberra, Australia  
Exchange Program, 2014
- Publications**      Wayne, Carly and Luwei Ying “Gateways to White Nationalism: Leaders’ Online Rhetoric and Follower Engagement” Forthcoming at *Journal of Politics*
- Carter, David B., Austin L. Wright, and Luwei Ying “Population Displacement and State-Building: The Legacies of Pashtun Resettlement in Afghanistan” Forthcoming at *International Organization*
- Ying, Luwei “Military Power and Ideological Appeals of Religious Extremists.” Forthcoming at the *Journal of Politics*  
                         – Winner of the Best Poster Award (Application) at PolMeth Summer Meeting 2020, under the title “Religiosity and Secularism: A Text-as-Data Approach to Recover Jihadist Groups’ Rhetorical Strategies”
- Scott F Abramson, Carter, David B., and Luwei Ying. 2022. “Historical Border Changes, State Building and Contemporary Trust in Europe.” *American Political Science Review*, 116(3), 875-895.
- Ying, Luwei, Jacob M. Montgomery, and Brandon M. Stewart. 2022. “Topics, Concepts, and Measurement: A Crowdsourced Procedure for Validating Topics as Measures.” *Political Analysis*, 30(4), 570-589.
- Ying, Luwei. 2021. “How State Presence Leads to Civil Conflict.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 65(2–3), 506–533.

- Winner of the Pi Sigma Alpha Award for the Best Paper Presented at MPSA 2019
- Winner of the Best Paper in International Relations Award at MPSA 2019

Carter, David B. and Luwei Ying. 2021. “The Gravity of Transnational Terrorism.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 65(4):813-849.

Software	Ying, Luwei, Jacob M. Montgomery, and Brandon M. Stewart. 2023. “ValidateIt: Validating Topic Coherence and Topic Labels.” <a href="https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=validateIt">https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=validateIt</a> .
Working Papers	<p>Blair, Christopher W. and Luwei Ying “Building Walls, Building Bridges: Border Fortification and Insurgent Influence”</p> <p>Carter, David B., Luwei Ying, and Sadaf Vafa “Historical Border Instability, Satisfaction with Democracy and the Rise of Populism”</p> <p>Carter, David B., Curtis S Signorino, Christopher Lucas, and Luwei Ying “Good Times, Bad Times: Left Censoring in Grouped Binary Duration Data”</p> <p>Vafa, Sadaf and Luwei Ying “Who Funded the Terrorists?”</p>
Book Project	Ying, Luwei “The Logic of Terrorist Propaganda”
Other Writings	<p><b>Book</b></p> <p>Ying, Luwei. 2011. “Ice Toad: Stories about Chinese Militia in 1920s.” <i>Jilin People’s Press</i>.</p> <p><b>Articles</b></p> <p>Ying, Luwei. 2015. “Rising of Digital Media Diplomacy: A Remedy for the Traditional Mode.” <i>Chinese Market</i> 37: 125–127.</p> <p>Ying, Luwei. 2015. “On Wendt’s Constructivism.” <i>Journal of Juanzong</i> 5(8): 635–635.</p> <p>Ying, Luwei. 2014. “Journalism during Chinese Communist Revolution.” <i>Youth Journalist</i> 6: 86–87.</p>
Honors & Awards	<p>2024. Hellman Fellows Award for Outstanding Early-career Faculty, The Society of Hellman Fellows</p> <p>2024. Deborah Gerner Award for Professional Development, International Studies Association</p> <p>2023. Outstanding Article Award in International History and Politics, American Political Science Association</p> <p>2022. Walter Isard Award for Best Dissertation, Peace Science Society (International)</p> <p>2020. Best Poster Award (Application), Society for Political Methodology</p> <p>2020. Pi Sigma Alpha Award for the Best Paper, Midwest Political Science Association</p> <p>2020. Best Paper in International Relations Award, Midwest Political Science Association</p> <p>2014. Best Paper in Social Sciences, People’s Daily</p>

Grants	<p>2024. UCLA Luskin Center for History and Policy Research Grant</p> <p>2024. Research Innovation Fund Grant, Initiative to Study Hate (ISH)</p> <p>2024. The Council on Research Grant 2024-2025</p> <p>2024. Center for European and Russian Studies (CERS) Grant</p> <p>2023. CSW Streisand Center Faculty Research Grant</p> <p>2021. American Political Science Association Annual Conference Travel Grant</p> <p>2020. Weidenbaum Center Research Grant, with Carly Wayne</p> <p>2020. Graduate Research Seed Grant</p> <p>2020. Weidenbaum Center Research Grant, with Jacob M. Montgomery</p> <p>2019. Peace Science Annual Conference Travel Grant</p> <p>2019. American Political Science Association Annual Conference Travel Grant</p> <p>2015. Overseas Studies Grant for Outstanding Undergraduates</p>
Teaching	<p><b>University of California, Los Angeles</b>, Department of Political Science</p> <p><i>Graduate Level</i></p> <p>Pol Sci 239 Violent Non-state Actors in World Politics, Spring 2023, Spring 2024</p> <p>Pol Sci 239 Studies on Terrorism, Fall 2024</p> <p><i>Undergraduate Level</i></p> <p>Pol Sci 20 World Politics, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024</p>
Presentations	<p><b>Annual Conferences</b></p> <p>APSA: 2019 (travel grant recipient), 2020, 2021 (travel grant recipient), 2022, 2023</p> <p>MPSA: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (cancelled), 2021, 2024</p> <p>Peace Science: 2019 (travel grant recipient), 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023</p> <p>PolMeth: 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024</p> <p>Asian PolMeth: 2016, 2021</p> <p>Latin American PolMeth: 2020</p> <p>SLAMM! (St Louis Area Methods Meeting): 2019, 2021</p> <p>CPAC (Comparative Politics Annual Conference): 2018, 2019, 2021</p> <p>Visions in Methodology: 2021</p> <p>WAPOR: 2024</p> <p><b>Invited Talks</b></p> <p>2025: UChicago</p> <p>2024: CGU, Harvard, MIT, USC</p> <p>2023: Stanford, <a href="#">Political Science Review</a>, Renmin (China), Zayed (UAE)</p> <p>2022: Tsinghua (China)</p> <p>2021: BU, Michigan, NYU Abu Dhabi (UAE), Princeton, Texas A&amp;M, UBC (Canada), UCLA, UIUC, Vanderbilt</p> <p>2020: <a href="#">International Methods Colloquium</a>, UCLA</p> <p>2018: Tsinghua (China)</p> <p><b>Workshops</b></p> <p>Borders, Territoriality and the State System, Washington University in St. Louis, March 2023</p> <p>Women in Conflict Studies (WICS) Professional Development Workshop, February 2023</p> <p>Political Science Speaker Series for Chinese Scholars [Virtual] Workshop, March 2022</p>

Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, & Culture (ASREC) Graduate Student [Virtual] Workshop, Chapman University, June 2021  
 Weidenbaum Frontiers [Virtual] Workshop on Political Violence, Washington University in St. Louis, March 2021  
 Bayesian Inference in Political Science Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis, October 2019  
 Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science, Vanderbilt University, May 2019

## Service

### **Manuscript Referee**

*American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Conflict Management and Peace Science, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, International Interactions, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Landscape Research, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Party Politics, Political Analysis, Political Research Exchange, Research and Politics, The Chinese Journal of International Politics, The Review of International Organizations*

### **Referee for**

*National Science Foundation*  
*UK Research and Innovation (United Kingdom)*  
*Institutional Review Boards, Washington University in St. Louis*

### **Discipline**

Selection Committee Member for the Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) Annual Conference, 2024  
 Award Committee Member for the Outstanding Article Award in International History and Politics, American Political Science Association, 2024  
 PolMeth Poster Award Committee Member, 2022, 2023  
 Editor, PolMeth ListServ, Spring 2021 - Spring 2022

### **Departmental**

Graduate Student Admissions Committee Member, UCLA Political Science, Winter 2022/2024  
 Undergraduate Studies Committee Member, UCLA Political Science, 2024 -  
 Faculty Recruitment Committee Member, UCLA Political Science, Fall 2023  
 Field Paper Referee, UCLA Political Science, 2023 -  
 Coordinator, Speaker Series, WashU Political Science, Fall 2019 - Spring 2022  
 Coordinator, Ph.D. students recruitment, WashU Political Science, Spring 2019

## Advising

### **PhD Students**

Sadaf Vafa (chair), Zhiqian Wu, Ryan Hironaka

### **Undergraduate Students**

John Porter, Carter Thompson, Kory Yueh, Harun Vemulapalli

## RA Experience

**Washington University in St. Louis**, Office of the Chancellor  
 Research Assistant (Andrew D. Martin), Fall 2020

Work Experience	<b>Xinhua News Agency</b> , Beijing, China Public Opinion Monitoring and Data Analysis, December 2014 – April 2015  <b>Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations</b> , Beijing, China Media Platforms Management, August 2015 – June 2016
Technical Skills	LLM, R, Python, Stata, ArcGIS, QGIS, Linux, SQL, Stan, Jags, $\text{\LaTeX}$
Languages	Chinese (native), English (fluent), Arabic (basic)

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