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Employment	<b>University of California, Los Angeles</b> , Los Angeles, California Assistant Professor, Political Science, July 2022–
Education	<b>Washington University in St. Louis</b> , St. Louis, Missouri Ph.D., Political Science, 2022 M.A., Political Science, 2018  <b>Tsinghua University</b> , Beijing, China B.A., (summa cum laude) Journalism & Communication, 2016 B.A., International Politics, 2016  <b>Australian National University</b> , Canberra, Australia Exchange Program, 2014
Research Interests	<b>International Relations:</b> Conflict, Terrorism, Violent Group Propaganda, Middle East <b>Political Methodology:</b> Machine Learning, Text-As-Data, Topic Models, GIS
Publications	Scott F Abramson, Carter, David B., and Luwei Ying. Forthcoming. “Historical Border Changes, State Building and Contemporary Trust in Europe” <i>American Political Science Review</i>  Ying, Luwei, Jacob M. Montgomery, and Brandon M. Stewart. Forthcoming. “Topics, Concepts, and Measurement: A Crowdsourced Procedure for Validating Topics as Measures” <i>Political Analysis</i> – Software: <a href="#">validateIt</a> An R Package that creates topic/label validation tasks and interacts with Mturk API – Presentation: <a href="#">International Methods Colloquium</a>  Ying, Luwei. 2021. “How State Presence Leads to Civil Conflict.” <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> , 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.” <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> , 65(4):813-849.
Working Papers	Ying, Luwei “The Unified Strategy of Religious Extremists: Military Power and Ideological Appeals”

– 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”

Pang, Xun and Luwei Ying “Democracy versus Authoritarianism?: How Regime Type Shapes US-China Competition for UNGA Voting Alignment”

Carter, David B., Austin L. Wright, and Luwei Ying “Diversity by Fiat: How Historical Displacement Shapes Contemporary Politics”

Wayne, Carly and Luwei Ying “Rivalry, Revenge & Radicalization: Ideological Themes in White Nationalist Online Recruitment”

Carter, David B., Curt Signorino, Christopher Lucas, and Luwei Ying “Good Times, Bad Times: Left-Censoring in Grouped Duration Data”

## Other Writings

### Book

Ying, Luwei. 2011. “Ice Toad: Stories about Chinese Militia in 1920s.” *Jilin People’s Press*.

### Articles

Ying, Luwei. 2015. “Rising of Digital Media Diplomacy: A Remedy for the Traditional Mode.” *Chinese Market* 37: 125–127.

Ying, Luwei. 2015. “On Wendt’s Constructivism.” *Journal of Jauanzong* 5(8): 635–635.

Ying, Luwei. 2014. “Journalism during Chinese Communist Revolution.” *Youth Journalist* 6: 86–87.

## Honors & Awards

2020. Best Poster Award (Application) at PolMeth 2020  
2020. Pi Sigma Alpha Award for the Best Paper Presented at MPSA 2019  
2020. Best Paper in International Relations Award at MPSA 2019  
2016. Graduation with Honors, Tsinghua University  
2015. Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Tsinghua University  
2014. Best Paper in Journalism and Communication, People’s Daily Online  
2014. Excellent Student Leader of Student Academic Center  
2013. Scholarship for Comprehensive Excellence, Tsinghua University

## Grants

2021. American Political Science Association Annual Conference Travel Grant (\$300)  
2020. Weidenbaum Center Research Grant, with Carly Wayne (\$9,800)  
2020. Graduate Research Seed Grant (\$1,500)  
2020. Weidenbaum Center Research Grant, with Jacob M. Montgomery and Brandon M. Stewart (\$5,000)  
2019. Peace Science Annual Conference Travel Grant (\$200)  
2019. American Political Science Association Annual Conference Travel Grant (\$225)  
2015. Overseas Studies Grant for Outstanding Undergraduates (≈ \$8,000)

## Presentations

### Annual Conferences

APSA: 2019 (travel grant recipient), 2020, 2021 (travel grant recipient), 2022  
 MPSA: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (cancelled), 2021  
 Peace Science: 2019 (travel grant recipient), 2020, 2021  
 PolMeth: 2019, 2020  
 Asian PolMeth: 2016, 2021  
 Latin American PolMeth: 2020  
 SLAMM! (St Louis Area Methods Meeting): 2019, 2021  
 CPAC (Comparative Politics Annual Conference): 2018, 2019, 2021  
 Visions in Methodology: 2021

### **Invited Talks**

2022: Tsinghua  
 2021: BU, Michigan, NYU Abu Dhabi, Princeton, Texas A&M, UBC, UCLA, UIUC, Vanderbilt  
 2020: International Methods Colloquium, UCLA  
 2018: Tsinghua

### **Workshops**

Political Science Speaker Series for Chinese Scholars [Virtual] Workshop, March 2022  
 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

### **RA Experience**

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

### **TA Experience**

**Washington University in St. Louis**, Department of Political Science  
*Graduate Level*  
 Quantitative Political Methodology I (Guillermo Rosas), Spring 2020  
 Math Camp (Jacob M. Montgomery), Summer 2019/2020  
*Undergraduate Level*  
 Quantitative Political Methodology (Christopher Lucas), Fall 2019  
 International Political Economy (Michael Gavin), Spring 2019  
 Conflict and Security in International Relations (David B. Carter), Fall 2018  
 Game Theory (Justin Fox), Spring 2018  
 Political Violence and Ethnic Conflict (Deniz Aksoy), Fall 2017

### **Work Experience**

**Xinhua News Agency**, Beijing, China  
 Public Opinion Monitoring and Data Analysis, December 2014 – April 2015  
  
**Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**, Beijing, China  
 Media Platforms Management, August 2015 – June 2016

Additional Training	<b>Washington University in St. Louis</b> , St. Louis, Missouri Causal Inference with Panel Data (Yiqing Xu) Advanced Causal Inference (Adam Glynn) Network Analysis (Cassy Dorff & Shahryar Minhas) Introduction to Python (Michelle Torres)
	<b>Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research</b> , Ann Arbor, Michigan Bayesian Modeling for Social Sciences (Ryan Bakker & Johannes Karreth) Regression Analysis III: Advanced Methods (David Armstrong) Multilevel Modeling (Mark Manning)
Service	Editor, PolMeth ListServ, Spring 2021 - Spring 2022 Coordinator, Speaker Series, WashU Political Science, Fall 2019 - Spring 2022 Coordinator, Ph.D. students recruitment, WashU Political Science, Spring 2019 Reviewer for <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> , <i>International Interactions</i> , <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> , <i>Journal of Experimental Political Science</i> , <i>Landscape Research</i> , <i>Political Analysis</i>
Technical Skills	R, Python, Julia, Stata, ArcGIS, QGIS, Linux, SQL, Stan, Jags, $\text{\LaTeX}$
Languages	Chinese (native), English (fluent), Arabic (basic)

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