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Professional Summary

Incoming PhD student in Political Science at Penn State University, specializing in survey and network methods. Substantive interests include authoritarianism, political violence, and Chinese politics.

Education

North Carolina State University *Aug 2021 – May 2025*
BS in Political Science, Minors in Mathematics and Statistics

- **Major Coursework:** Comparative Politics, Politics of China and Japan, Research Methodology, Political Theory, Special Topics in Experimental and Observational Data Analysis
- **Minor Coursework:** Linear Algebra, Partial Differential Equations, Discrete Models, Regression Analysis, Survey Sampling, Statistical Inference, Mathematical Foundations of Data Science

Experience

Research Assistant *Raleigh, NC*
North Carolina State University, School of Public and International Affairs *Aug 2024 – Present*

- Advisor: Dr. Jessica Liao
- Curate datasets on Chinese Free Trade Agreements to improve readability.
- Characterize the co-financing activity of Chinese loans and automate categorization via Python and SAS.
- Extensively utilize `ggplot2` to visualize Chinese investment activity in the clean energy sector.

Academic Coach *Raleigh, NC*
Sylvan Learning *Mar 2024 – Present*

- Tutor students from grades 1-12 in mathematics, reading, and writing enrichment programs.
- Provide personalized guidance to students for SAT and ACT programs, AP Precalculus, AP Calculus, and AP Statistics.
- Coach high school seniors through the college application process.

Political Analyst Intern *Remote*
Biasly *May 2024 – Sep 2024*

- Analyze news articles for misinformation and bias to train AI tools on media integrity.

Political Data Analyst *Remote*
WeVote *Mar 2024 – Aug 2024*

- Collect and store current political endorsement data into WeVote's proprietary API.
- Attend weekly meetings to discuss data collection progress and election tracking.

Activities

Boy Scouts of America *Charlotte, NC*
- Eagle Scout *May 2021*

Conferences and Workshops
- Duke-UNC China Leadership Summit *Mar 2024*
- Harvard China Forum *Apr 2024*
- NCSU Summer Undergraduate Research Symposium *(Presenter)* *Jul 2024*
- APSA Annual Meeting *Sep 2024*

Projects

Independent Undergraduate Research *Raleigh, NC*
North Carolina State University, School of Public and International Affairs *Mar 2024 – Present*

- Advisor: Dr. Zlatin Mitkov
- Design a multi-level factorial survey experiment to test predictors for the excusal of Islamophobic violence.
- Implement several experimental design improvements suggested by political violence scholars.
- Collect two surveys, funded through NCSU's SURE grant and the John W. Pope Foundation's undergraduate research grant. Total funding: 4000 USD. Total respondents: 3400.

Software Experience

Languages: SAS, Stata, R, Python, LaTeX
Software: Qualtrics, Amazon MTurk, MS Office Software