

# Connor Stitt

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The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Political Science

## Research interests

Political violence, Chinese politics, network methodology, public opinion, international political economy

## Education

- 2025 – **The Pennsylvania State University** – State College, PA  
Present PhD Student in Political Science and Social Data Analytics
- 2021 – **North Carolina State University** – Raleigh, NC  
2025 B.S. in Political Science, Minors in Mathematics and Statistics  
Undergraduate Thesis: *Individual Determinants for the Excusal of Islamophobic Violence*

## Honors and scholarships

- 2021 Eagle Scout (Boy Scouts of America)  
*Organized a multi-week AP Calculus tutoring service during the COVID-19 pandemic.*
- Apr 2024 NCSU Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Grant (\$2,000)
- Oct 2024 John W. Pope Foundation Undergraduate Research Grant (\$2,000)

## Research experience

- Aug 2024 – **Research Assistant, North Carolina State University**  
May 2025 Advisor: Dr. Jessica Liao  
Curate datasets on Chinese Free Trade Agreements, characterize Chinese co-financing loans and automate categorization, and visualize Chinese energy investments in ASEAN countries.

Mar 2024 – May 2025      **Independent Undergraduate Research, North Carolina State University**  
Advisor: Dr. Zlatin Mitkov  
Designed factorial survey on predictors of excusing Islamophobic violence; implemented design improvements from political violence scholars; conducted 2 surveys (funding: \$4,000; 3,400 respondents).

## Teaching experience

Mar 2024 – Jul 2025      **Academic Coach, Sylvan Learning**  
Tutor grades 1–12 in mathematics, reading, and writing enrichment; tailor instruction for SAT/ACT, AP Precalculus, AP Calculus, and AP Statistics; advise on college applications.

Aug 2024 – Present      **Teaching Assistant**  
PLSC 10: Scientific Study of Politics

## Industry experience

May 2024 – Sep 2024      **Biasly (Political Analyst Intern)**  
Analyzed news articles for misinformation and bias to train AI tools on media integrity.

Mar 2024 – Aug 2024      **WeVote (Political Data Analyst)**  
Collected and stored endorsement data in proprietary API; attended weekly election tracking meetings.

## Conferences

Apr 2025      MPSA Annual Conference

Sep 2024      APSA Annual Meeting

Jul 2024      NCSU Summer Undergraduate Research Symposium

Apr 2024      Harvard China Forum

Mar 2024      Duke-UNC China Leadership Summit

## Technical skills

### **Programming languages**

Proficient in: R, Stata,  $\text{\LaTeX}$

Familiar with: HTML, SAS, Python

### **Software**

Qualtrics, Amazon MTurk, MS Office

### **Languages**

English (native)

Mandarin Chinese (beginner)

## References

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Additional references available upon request