

# DEREK YUNHAO LI

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## EDUCATION

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**PhD student in Assyriology, Yale University**

**2024 – Present**

- ▷ Department of Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations

**B.A. in Economics & B.A. in History, Peking University**

**2024**

- ▷ School of Economics (Sep 2020 – Aug 2021)  
National School of Development (Sep 2021 – Jul 2024)  
Department of History (Sep 2022 – Jul 2024)
- ▷ Thesis: *“Boll Weevil Everywhere”: Impacts of Boll Weevil on Agriculture and Higher Education in the U.S. South (1892-1922)* (supervised by Prof. Dr. Yiling Zhao)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Research Assistant**

**May 2023 – Feb 2024**

- ▷ Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Yiling Zhao (Department of Economic History, Peking University)
- ▷ Focus: conflicts between Native Americans and European Americans in 19th-century U.S.

**Research Assistant**

**Oct 2021 – Aug 2022**

- ▷ Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Sophie Calder-Wang (Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania)  
Dr. Jinlin Li (Harvard Kennedy School & Harvard Business School)
- ▷ Focus: government venture capital in China

**Research Assistant**

**Jul 2021 – Dec 2021**

- ▷ Supervisor: Dr. Jinlin Li (Harvard Kennedy School & Harvard Business School)
- ▷ Focus: venture capital and market performance in China

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Teaching Assistant

Spring 2024

- ▷ Course: International Trade (National School of Development, Peking University)
- ▷ Instructor: Prof. Dr. Qingyang Huang (Peking University)

### Teaching Assistant

Summer 2023

- ▷ Course: Visual Communication for a Global World (New Zealand Center, Peking University)
- ▷ Instructor: Prof. Dr. Laurence Simmons (University of Auckland)

## ACADEMIC VISITING

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### International Guest Student, University of Pennsylvania

Aug 2022 – Dec 2022

- ▷ Partly funded by National School of Development, Peking University

## HONORS & AWARDS

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- ▷ Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award  
(National School of Development, Peking University) 2024
- ▷ Distinguished Thesis Award (Peking University) 2024
- ▷ Rainbow Bridge Alumni Scholarship 2023
- ▷ Award for Academic Excellents (Peking University) 2023
- ▷ Deng Guangming Academic Paper Award (Department of History, Peking University) 2023
- ▷ Freshman Scholarship (Peking University) 2020

## OTHERS

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### Programming Skills & Softwares

- ▷  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Markdown, MATLAB, Python, QGIS, Stata

### Languages

- ▷ Modern Languages: Mandarin (native), English (proficient), Modern Greek (basic)
- ▷ Ancient Languages: Sumerian, Akkadian, Hittite, Classical Greek