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## EDUCATION

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### University of Maryland, College Park

Expected May 2024

PhD, Political Science

Areas of focus: International Relations, American Politics

Dissertation: Divided We Defend: Partisan Control and U.S. Foreign Policy

Committee: Scott Kastner (co-chair), Kris Miler (co-chair), Margaret Pearson, Shannon Carcelli, Peter Steiner  
(Department of Human Development and Quantitative Methodology)

### The George Washington University

May 2017

MA, Asian Studies

### Peking University

June 2015

BA, International Political Economy

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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U.S. foreign policy, U.S. Congress, U.S.-China relations, Chinese foreign relations, Graphical models for causal inference

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Guan Wang**, Scott Kastner, Margaret Pearson. 2023. "Do China's foreign economic ties lead to influence abroad? New evidence from recent events". *Foreign Policy Analysis*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/fpa/orad016>

Scott Kastner, **Guan Wang**, Margaret Pearson, Laura Phillips-Alvarez, Joseph Yinusa. 2022. "Taiwan and the 'One-China Principle' in the Age of COVID-19: Assessing the Determinants and Limits of Chinese Influence". *The China Quarterly*. <https://www.doi.org/10.1017/S0305741022001321>

## WORK UNDER REVIEW

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Guan Wang, "Support for Taiwan in the U.S. House of Representatives: A New Look at the U.S.-China-Taiwan Relations". *Journal of East Asian Studies*. Revise and Resubmit.

Guan Wang, "Divided We Stand: Partisan Control and U.S. Foreign Policy in Congress". Under Review.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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**Guan Wang**, Weifang Xu, "When China Comes Knocking: The Effects of External Threats on Internal Unity in the U.S. Congress".

--Best Paper on U.S. Foreign Policy at the Sixth Annual Young Scholars Forum on U.S.-China Relations, The Carter Center, 2021

Scott Kastner, Margaret Pearson, **Guan Wang**, "The Sound of Silence: Understanding Hedging Behavior in Superpower Competition".

Scott Kastner, Margaret Pearson, **Guan Wang**, "China's Economic Might: A Pathway to Global Political Influence?"  
(Book project)

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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Conley H. Dillon Dissertation Award, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland (\$5,000) 2023  
Publication Accelerator Grant, Institute for Humane Studies (\$5,000) 2023

U.S. & Chinese Foreign Policy and Relations Research Grant, The Charles Koch Foundation (\$5,000)	2023
Dean's Research Initiative Graduate Student Travel Award, University of Maryland (\$1,000)	2023
Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association (\$300)	2022
Jimmy Carter Award for Best Paper on U.S. Foreign Policy at the Sixth Annual Young Scholars Forum on U.S.-China Relations, Carter Center (\$2,000)	2021
Summer Grant, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland (\$1,500)	2020
Dean's Summer Fellowship, Graduate School, University of Maryland (\$5,000)	2019
Freeman Foundation International Fellowship, The George Washington University (\$6,000)	2016
Voelpel Tuition Fellowship, The George Washington University (\$5,000)	2015
Merit Award, The George Washington University (\$20,000)	2015

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Instructor, University of Maryland**

International Political Economy (Master's level)	Fall 2023
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### **Teaching Assistant, University of Maryland**

International Political Relations (Undergraduate level, Instructor: Todd Allee)	Spring 2020
International Political Relations (Undergraduate level, Instructor: Calvert Jones)	Spring 2019, Fall 2019
Politics and Globalization of Food (Undergraduate level, Instructor: Virginia Haufler)	Fall 2018

## **PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS**

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### **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting** **Scheduled August 2023**

- "Divided We Defend: Partisan Control and U.S. Foreign Policy in Congress"
- "Understanding Hedging Behavior in Superpower Competition" (With Scott Kastner and Margaret Pearson)

### **Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference** **April 2023**

- "Divided We Defend: Partisan Control and U.S. Foreign Policy in Congress"
- "Speaking with One Voice? The Bipartisan Consensus on China in the U.S. Congress" (with Weifang Xu)

### **Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference** **January 2023**

- "Divided We Defend: Partisan Control and U.S. Foreign Policy in Congress"

### **American Politics Workshop, University of Maryland** **November 2022**

- "Divided We Defend: Partisan Control and U.S. Foreign Policy in Congress"

### **Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference** **April 2022**

- "Support for Taiwan in the U.S. House of Representatives: A New Look at the U.S.-China-Taiwan Relations"

### **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (held online)** **October 2021**

- "Do China's Foreign Economic Ties Lead to Influence Abroad? New Evidence from Recent Events" (With Scott Kastner and Margaret Pearson)

### **GVPT Methods Workshop, University of Maryland** **October 2021**

- "Causal Inference in Social Science: Weighting Methods" (With Lizzie Irlbacher)

### **Association of Chinese Political Studies Annual meeting (held online)** **October 2020**

- "China's Economic Influence in an Age of Pandemic and Depression" (with Scott Kastner and Margaret Pearson)

### **One China Framework and World Politics Workshop, Georgia Tech (held online)** **September 2020**

- "Taiwan and the 'One China' Principle in the Age of Coronavirus: Assessing the Determinants and Limits of Chinese Influence" (with Scott Kastner, Margaret Pearson, Laura Phillips-Alvarez and Joseph Yinusa).

## **SKILLS**

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### **Methods**

OLS, MLE, Multilevel Modeling, Causal Inference, Directed Acyclic Graphs, Machine Learning, Web Scraping  
**Software**  
R, Latex, SPSS

## **LANGUAGES**

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Chinese (native), English (fluent), Spanish (beginner)

## **REFERENCES**

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