

# Leslie Huang

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## EDUCATION

**New York University** | PhD, *expected* 2020 | MA, 2016

2015 – present | Politics

- Subfields: Methodology, comparative politics
- Research interests: Text analysis, network analysis, political behavior
- GPA: 3.87
- *MA Paper*: “Modelling responsiveness and willingness to negotiate using sentiment: a textual analysis of the FARC-Colombia peace talks”
- *Qualifying Paper*: “Estimating the distribution of power at the UN using topic models”

**Columbia University** | BA, summa cum laude

2011 | Majors in English, Political Science

- GPA: 3.99
- Phi Beta Kappa honor society
- Dean’s List

## ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

**NYU, Center for Data Science** | Section Leader and Grader

January 2018 – present

- Teach lab in R for graduate-level Text-as-Data course, grade problem sets, and advise students on programming for text analysis.

**NYU, Center for Data Science** | “Natural Language Processing/Text-as-Data Speaker Series” Coordinator

June 2017 – present

- Manage logistics for a weekly series on cutting-edge NLP research featuring guest speakers from top universities and companies such as Google, Microsoft, and Facebook.

**NYU, Politics** | Research Assistant

June – September 2017

- Wrote and optimized code to simulate networks, for a study of the consequences of incomplete sampling of networks in experiments.

**NYU, Environmental Studies** | Research Assistant

January – August 2017

- Cleaned webscraped documents and constructed a dataset using Python.
- Performed text analysis and unsupervised machine learning (structural topic models) in R.

**Columbia University, Institute of Social and Economic Research and Policy** | Research Assistant

May 2010 – May 2011

- Researched and wrote case studies of historical and current civil and interstate conflicts, and coded variables in areas such as war initiation/termination and war crimes.

**Columbia University, Political Science** | Research Assistant

February 2009 – January 2011

- Conducted newspaper research on the outcomes and legislative histories of gubernatorial fiscal and policy proposals, in order to assess overall success of governors’ agendas and the role of public opinion.

January – August 2008

- Researched partisan bias in federal corruption sentencing, judicial discretion, variation in criminal sentencing statutes and truth-in-sentencing across the states and over time.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**W. W. Norton & Company** | Assistant Managing Editor

February 2013 – July 2015, New York, NY

- *Promoted from Project Editor in September 2013.*
- Managed the production cycle of hundreds of paperback titles. Shepherded books from manuscript to first printing, working closely with editorial and design teams. Responsible for quality control of all text and visual elements.
- Worked on books by award-winning and best-selling authors such as Michael Lewis, Fareed Zakaria, Eric Foner, Diane Ackerman, and Richard Thaler.

**Foreign Policy Association** | Assistant Editor

June 2011 – February 2013, New York, NY

- Guided leading scholars and journalists in developing book chapters that are the basis for international affairs educational programs in community groups and colleges. Edited manuscripts, wrote and researched supplementary materials and resources for teachers, and designed print and digital publications. Managed logistics with vendors, hired and supervised interns, and assisted program staff with events.

**U.S. House of Representatives** | Congressional Intern

June – August 2008, New York's 7th District

- Supported district office caseworkers in interviewing constituents seeking assistance with issues such as public housing and immigration applications, including liaising with Mandarin-speaking constituents. Conducted inquiries with local/federal agencies on behalf of constituents. Provided administrative support.

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- MacCracken Fellowship, 2015 – present

## SKILLS

### Programming

R  
Python  
Stata

### Analytics

Data analysis and visualization  
Web scraping  
Text analysis

### Languages

Spanish (limited working proficiency)  
German (elementary)  
Mandarin (elementary)

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Programming for Data Science

Network Analysis

Quantitative Political Analysis I, II

Natural Language Processing

Text-as-Data

Experimental Methods